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BACK IN BUSINESS



Mark Hateley — 'I'll be back in a England shirt'

ENGLAND'S forgotten man Mark Hateley is back in business with a broadside for the critics who said he was finished in football.

The Monaco hitman has resumed full training and has earmarked the Cup Winners' Cup return clash in two weeks with Belenenses for a first team comeback.

And the 27-year-old former Portsmouth striker has also squashed rumours that he is about to be shown the door at the French club by signing a new three year contract.

Says Mark: "The critics wrote me off before I'd even undergone surgery on my ankle."

"As usual they got the wrong end of the stick and just to set the record straight I was told that if I didn't go under the surgeon's knife for the second time I might have to quit the game."

Hateley picked up the injury way back in March, when he ripped ankle ligaments during Monaco's 1-0 defeat by Galatasaray in the European Cup.

After undergoing surgery Mark tried to make an early comeback and consequently aggravated the injury.

"I've had two years of hell as far as

**'I'LL PROVE
MY CRITICS**

WRONG' MARK HATELEY

injuries are concerned, I just hope this latest setback is the end.

"Not only has my club suffered as a result of my latest problems but in my opinion England have as well."

Mark points to the fact that during the past two seasons he has missed almost 15 international games.

"No striker has exactly set the world alight in England and I firmly believe I'm the man to lead the front line."

"My record is second to none, and I'm in regular contact with the England boss Bobby Robson."

Speculation has continued to increase about Mark's future with Monaco.

"Again people have come to the wrong conclusion about my future, I have recently signed a new three year contract which takes me up to 1992."

"I have no intention of quitting the club. I aim to prove Mark Hateley's back to his best."

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Every club in France approaches their game against Marseille as a cup final, so I dread to think what European opposition will do to them!"

RUMOURS

"RUMOURS that I was about to be replaced by Barcelona striker Gary Lineker was simply not true."

The club told me they were approached by Lineker's agent, but Monaco president Jean Louis Campora assured me they were never interested in signing the player and subsequently he signed for Spurs.

But while all the speculation was going on Monaco had already offered me a new improved three year contract.

Chris Waddle — 'he'll have to make sacrifices.'



ONE STEP BEYOND!

ENGLAND's 0-0 draw with Sweden in Stockholm means that Bobby Robson's team must get at least a point away to Poland next month to earn their place in Italy.

The match saw Peter Shilton, earning his record 110th cap, at his best with three telling saves; Terry Butcher giving a courageous captain's performance despite a head wound; and, Steve McMahon, as replacement for the injured Bryan Robson, a tenacious driving force in midfield.

ENGLAND FORCED TO WAIT FOR WORLD CUP CLINCHER

However, England may still rue the missed opportunities by less-than-sharp Gary Lineker which could have provided them with the necessary win.

Similar qualities displayed by the likes of Shilton and Butcher will be required when England travel behind the Iron Curtain for their vital fixture against Poland on October 11.

Poland prepared for that all-important match with a comprehensive 3-0 home win over a poor Greek team — a result that will bolster the hopes of the Poles who will seek to revenge their Wembley defeat in June.

Bobby Robson's squad, however, will still approach this crucial tie with confidence. So far, they have yet to concede a

goal and that could prove the deciding factor if the worst comes to the worst and England finish second in the group.

It is worth noting that Poland have three games left to play. Two at home to England and Sweden and one away to Albania.

Sweden similarly entertain Albania on October 8 before going to Poland for their last game in the group.

But the biggest threat to England's place in the Finals is the hooligans. Their violent display travelling to, and in, Sweden present FIFA with an awesome decision whether to allow our national team to take part.

The genuine threat of similar

scenes in Italy may prove decisive although FIFA have provisionally allocated the Italian isle of Sardinia as England's base for the group games if they should qualify.

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	5	3	2	0	10	0	8
Sweden	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Poland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Albania	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

BILLY'S BOYS ARE OUT

NORMAN Whiteside marked his return to international duty for Northern Ireland by being named as captain and scoring a goal. But unfortunately for the Ulsterman, Hungary secured victory with two goals which stemmed from nothing.

The 2-1 defeat means Billy Bingham will not be leading Northern Ireland to their third successive World Cup Finals. The result also puts pressure on Jack Charlton's Eire outfit.

Eire, meanwhile, tested the international waters with a first-ever meeting with West Germany. A Frank Stapleton goal earned the Republic a creditable 1-1 draw against Franz Beckenbauer's side.

Next month the two Irelands meet in a vital clash for Eire. A win will take them to their first World Cup Finals.

GROUP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	0	1	14	1	10
Eire	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
Hungary	6	3	3	1	6	6	7
N IRELAND	7	2	1	4	6	9	5
Malta	7	0	2	5	3	16	2

BEYOND!

Gordon Durie — Scotland's goal scorer prepares to blast ball past Yugoslav Dragoljub Brnovic.



SCOTS SELF-DESTRUCT

SCOTLAND pressed their self-destruct button in Zagreb by throwing away their match with Yugoslavia — thanks to two own goals and a defensive lapse!

The 3-1 defeat means that Andy Roxburgh's team still need one point from their two remaining matches away to France (Oct 11) or home to Norway (Nov 15) to qualify.

However, the Zagreb result means that Yugoslavia becomes the first nation to qualify for the World Cup Finals and now join hosts Italy and holders Argentina.

Ivica Osim, the Yugoslav coach, gave words of encouragement for the disappointed Scots saying: "Scotland will join us there I'm quite sure of that". Scotland's place is in their hands and if they should fail they will only have themselves to blame, with either France or Norway ready to penalise the Scots for any errors.

GROUP FIVE:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	6	4	2	0	12	6	10
SCOTLAND	6	4	1	1	11	8	9
Norway	6	2	1	3	9	7	5
France	6	1	3	2	5	7	5
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

WALES NEED MIRACLE

FINLAND's first international win for two years effectively ended Welsh dreams of a World Cup place for the first time in over 30 years.

A solitary goal by Lipponen means Wales need victories over both Holland at home (Oct 11) and East Germany away (Nov 15) to cling on to any hope of qualification.

The task for Terry Yorath's team is tantamount to a miracle. For the first game against the European Champions, Holland, they will

be without Ian Rush and Mark Hughes.

Both players received their second bookings of the qualification round and are suspended for the Dutch encounter.

GROUP FOUR:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	4	2	2	0	3	1	6
W Germany	4	1	3	0	5	1	5
Finland	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
WALES	4	0	2	2	2	4	2

Main Pic: Terry Butcher — Captain Marvel. Near miss — Swedish 'keeper' Thomas Ravelli saves a Gary Lineker header.



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ONE IN A
MILLION

DIEGO Maradona can afford to contemplate giving up life in Italy and returning to Argentina — in the last five years he has earned a staggering £10,000,000. And that's without counting his sponsorship deals. Maradona pocketed the cool £10,000,000 from his salary, bonuses and television appearances.

WE'LL ON THE UP WITHE LUCK

THE number of fans attending Barclays League matches in the first two weeks of the season went up by more than 2,000 compared to last year's figures.

		Aggregate	Matches	Average
Division One	1988/89	433,258	19	22,803
	1989/90	797,350	38	20,983
Division Two	1988/89	326,110	30	10,870
	1989/90	389,230	30	12,974
Division Three	1988/89	123,292	24	5,137
	1989/90	117,085	24	4,879
Division Four	1988/89	69,499	24	2,896
	1989/90	75,235	24	3,135
Total	1988/89	952,159	97	9,816
	1989/90	1,378,900	116	11,887

ON THE MOVE?

MANSFIELD'S highly-rated full back Craig McKernon could be heading for the bright lights of London.

The 21-year-old defender has already been watched FIVE times by Spurs while West Ham boss Lou Macari has also run the rule over him.

Terry Venables has yet to make a move, but it seems likely Craig will be the first player to move on from Field Mill despite the number of admiring glances that have been cast in the direction of co-defender — Simon Coleman.

Another product of the club's youth policy, Simon — also 21 — is maturing rapidly alongside player-manager George Foster in the 'Stags' defence and the youngster could also be on the move in the not-too-distant future.

AWAY MATCH

ENGLAND striker John Fashanu proudly displays hundreds of copies of the Number One football magazine MATCH, ready for a trip to his native Nigeria.

The Wimbledon hit-man intends to educate the soccer crazy youngsters of Nigeria and knows he cannot go wrong with MATCH, the brightest and best soccer magazine.



Peter Withe — return.

GOD ON OUR SIDE

BOSTON United have appointed Reverend John Moore as club captain.

John is dedicated to the Vauxhall Conference club: arranging his clerical duties around fixtures and, on one occasion, dyed his hair and painted his face in black and amber — the club colours.

BEAT THE DROP

Terry Hurlock — we'll beat the drop.



HURLOCK PROMISES SURPRISE TACTICS

TERRY Hurlock has dismissed the critics claims that Millwall will be a Second division club next season.

The 32-year-old midfield warrior is quick to point to the 'Lions' final position of ninth last term, as an example of the bookies pre-season predictions.

And while First Division sides insist they've come to grips with the club's unorthodox style of play, Hurlock remains adamant they can change their tactics and achieve even more success this time round.

"I'm delighted the club find themselves favourites for the drop this season, it only serves as an incentive to do well.

"People are too quick to judge us on our form towards the end of last season when we failed to win in ten games.

"The players blame themselves for not finishing in a higher position, but it's crazy

to say teams have sussed us out.

"If we're honest, most of us didn't work as hard as we should have done, and consequently it was reflected in our results."

Millwall's poor form towards the end of last season has given cause for people to write them off again.

But Terry is adamant that teams will encounter the same problems as last year even if it means changing their direct style of play.

"The club are a first class professional outfit and we are just as capable of adopting new tactics as anyone else.

"No one will relish the thought of coming to the Den this season, as they found out last year they rarely leave with anything."

Terry has recently signed a new two year contract, but while he feels Millwall can once again impose themselves on the top flight, it's the FA Cup he longs for success in.

"I love all the razamatazz that goes with the cup. I'd die for a new suit if we reached the final and the thought of a trip on an open air bus makes me delirious."

FLYING START

"WINGS NEWS" is the new Welling United official newspaper. It will be the first club publication by a GM Vauxhall side with the first edition expected to be out at the end of this month.

SORRY JOE!

Joe McLaughlin fact file In the September 2, issue of MATCH should have stated that the Charlton defender was born on the 2nd June, 1960, and has made 220 appearances for Chelsea, sorry Joe.



MATCH! The only winner for John Fashanu.

FROM tea boy to £2 million man. That's been the dramatic rise to fame and fortune of Manchester United new-boy Gary Pallister. Here MATCH tells of Gary's struggle to make his way in the game and how his big chance at Middlesbrough turned into a nightmare.

Another MATCH exclusive!

A 24-HOUR ice-skating marathon helped convert me from striker to central defender at school!

Like most other youngsters I loved the glory of playing up front, although in all honesty my scoring record wasn't very impressive and I think my height and pace were the main reasons I played in attack.

My school team in Stockton — Blakeston — was pretty successful and there never seemed much to do in defence, so I was always happy to stay up front.

Then on one occasion our regular centre back Ian Watson took part in a 24-hour ice-skating marathon and came straight to a game.

He was obviously half asleep, we kept conceding silly goals and he was eventually substituted and I was moved back.

He won the game 8-3 and I've stayed in defence just about ever since — apart from one occasion when I went in goal a few years later in a junior match and we won 2-1; but thankfully nobody saw a great career for me as a goalkeeper.

By this time I was a mad-keen Middlesbrough fan and remember watching players like Stuart Boam, Willie Maddren, John Hickton and later Bosko Jankovic.

I was quite a sportsman at school, and gained representative honours at athletics, basketball and cricket

WISHFUL THINKING — new boy Pally at Man Utd

— but never at football. However, I was still determined to make the grade as a professional, despite a physics teacher laughing when I told him of my ambitions. But when I finally left school at 16 I hadn't been approached by a professional club. It seemed likely that a couple of my school friends had a far better chance of making the grade and perhaps the teacher who mocked my career choice might have been right!

STRIKER TURNED STOPPER GARY MAKES HIS MARK

INTO THE BIG TIME

'MONEYBAGS' Middlesbrough was hardly the name which sprang to mind when linked-up with my boyhood heroes.

The side were struggling in the Second Division, but more to the point they were hardly the bank manager's favourite customer, and I've been told since that the board wouldn't sanction my £50 a week wages when Willie Maddren wanted to sign me.

So I continued to play for Billingham while training with the youngsters at Ayresome Park and Willie continued in his efforts to get me on the staff.

Eventually a local businessman by the name of Dick Corden — now chairman at Darlington — agreed to sponsor my wages at Willie's suggestion.

I was put on a monthly contract, and finally, at the grand old age of 19 my career as a professional footballer was under way.

During the summer I signed a full, one-year contract but the following season didn't get a sniff of the first-team as the club fought to avoid relegation into the Third Division.

This they did in the last game at Shrewsbury, at the cost of having two men sent-off, but little did I suspect that my Football League debut was just around the corner.

MALCOLM ALLISON — Boro boss at the time.

NEW HEIGHTS — Gary in action for Boro against Norwich.

NEXT WEEK: Boro go bust! Gary faces a return to the dole queue after just 12 months in the game.

UPS AND DOWNS

MY CAREER on and off the field didn't exactly take off when I left school, and I spent time playing for the college team and a side called Stockton Buffs.

By this time I was 17 and the possibility of making it as a professional seemed to be getting more remote but I always believed in my own ability and was fiercely determined to at least have a crack at making my living from the game.

And — after a spell in the college third team — I was spotted by a scout from local non-League side Billingham who moved quicker than anybody else has ever done to sign Gary Pallister — and signed up.

In my first year we won four cups, were second in the League, and at the end of the season I won promotion to the first-team.

The following season stalwart defender Brian Hall retired, and after looking elsewhere for a replacement — and failing — Billingham promoted me to the first team.

Then, after only ten games, I was told by the manager Middlesbrough wanted me to go for a trial. Even then I thought somebody was pulling my leg before eventually realising this was my big break.

Malcolm Allison was manager and Willie Maddren reserve team boss, and it was my former schoolboy hero Willie who was left to offer me consolation after an absolute nightmare. I played for the reserves against Oldham and I was just not ready for the level of competition.

Afterwards I was sat with my head in my hands when Willie came over and told me not to worry, and the club would keep an eye on me.

I felt I was being patronised and left thinking my big chance had gone. On the employment front things were looking far from rosy, and between spells on the dole I was on a YTS.

But true to their word 'Boro' came back almost a year later, but this time Willie was manager. After a far more impressive game I was offered the chance to train with the reserves and juniors rather than sitting at home doing nothing on the dole.

I was finally on my way.

AS TOLD TO HOWARD WHEATCROFT

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Steve McMahon
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Peter Shilton is the Ape-man — a gibbon — travelling through the air, denying gravity to take the ball with effortless ease. As a schoolboy, Shilton did unusual stretching exercises — he would hold on to the bannister rail with his mother hanging from

his feet, in an effort to increase his height. Like the gibbon, Shilton's arms are longer than his legs — which enables him to be the master in the air when the ball is in the penalty box. The gibbon is the fastest ape through the trees — he's uncatchable — he's on his own — so too is Shilton, England's top keeper.



THE GIBBON

TRICKS

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TRADE

VOICE OF COMMAND
The Gibbon has the loudest voice of the ape family — Shilton is his equal in this department. His loud voice communicates confidence to the whole team. Shilton is positive in everything he does — when he goes out for a high cross he is prepared to knock even his own players out of the way, to be first to the ball. Terry Butcher, Rangers & England

CUTTING OUT CENTRES

'Shilton has taught himself to run with a short springy stride when meeting high centres. Should the ball suddenly dip or hold up in flight he's not caught between long strides. He is perfectly balanced to take off.' Bobby Robson, England Team Manager



POWER PUNCH

'When under heavy pressure, Shilton will punch the ball safely towards the wing. There is no element of risk when Shilton does this, for he can send the ball as far as a throw and is just as accurate. The secret here is that Shilton never punches the ball with his knuckles — he uses the flat area of the fist between the knuckles and the first finger joints.'

Bryan Robson, England Captain

GOING FOR GLORY

THEO'S DREAM FINAL

THE opportunity to face Rangers again in the Skol Cup Final is Aberdeen goalkeeper Theo Snelders' motive for victory over Celtic.

Following his move to Aberdeen from Twente Enschede a year ago Theo's first taste of disappointment in Scotland came in last season's Skol Cup Final.

And since that day the big Dutchman has yearned for another Hampden showdown with Graeme Souness's side.

"Words cannot describe the disappointment I felt when we lost 3-2 in last season's final, and I believe we just deserved to win it," says Theo.

"And with Aberdeen also having been beaten by Rangers in the previous year's final it cannot surprise too many people that we want another chance to get it right".

SKOL CUP PREVIEW

END OF SEVEN YEAR ITCH?

ALMOST seven years have elapsed since Celtic last captured the Scottish League Cup.

And as one of only three survivors from the side which beat Rangers 2-1 in those pre-Skol Cup days, silky midfielder Tommy Burns is determined to stop Celtic's seven year itch.

"The trophy has been away from Parkhead for far too long," he says.

"So the first target we set for ourselves this season was to have a good run in the Skol Cup and we are looking to continue our good run against Aberdeen next week.

"Aberdeen are a top quality side, with class players in every department, but I feel the freshness of this new Celtic side gives us the edge.

"It will be a very interesting match, with the contrasting style of both teams adding to the appeal of it all. But I believe our more potent strike force and our determination to bring the League Cup back to Parkhead will take us through."

DON'T COUNT US OUT!

THE prospect of lining-up against old team mates in next Tuesday's Skol Cup semi-final fills Dumbarton full-back Jimmy Nicholl with so much excitement.

Just a few weeks ago the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland defender turned his back on a cosy existence looking after Rangers reserves to prolong his playing career.

And any doubts he may have had about the wisdom of the move evaporated when Dunfermline upset the odds by beating Hibs 3-1 in an extra-time thriller.

Having already picked up three Skol Cup winners' medals with Rangers, Jimmy knows all about success in this particular competition and he refuses to accept next week's result is a foregone conclusion.

"It would be silly for me to talk about what we are going to do to Rangers, but when the whistle blows it will be eleven men against eleven — and in the cut-throat setting of a Cup-tie anything can happen," says Jimmy.

Tommy Burns — burning desire for Celtic to reach final.

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THERE were one or two knowing looks when Rangers and Celtic stared clear of each other in the draw for the Skol Cup semi-finals — again!

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"You won't hear any talk among our players of the result being a foregone conclusion," he says.

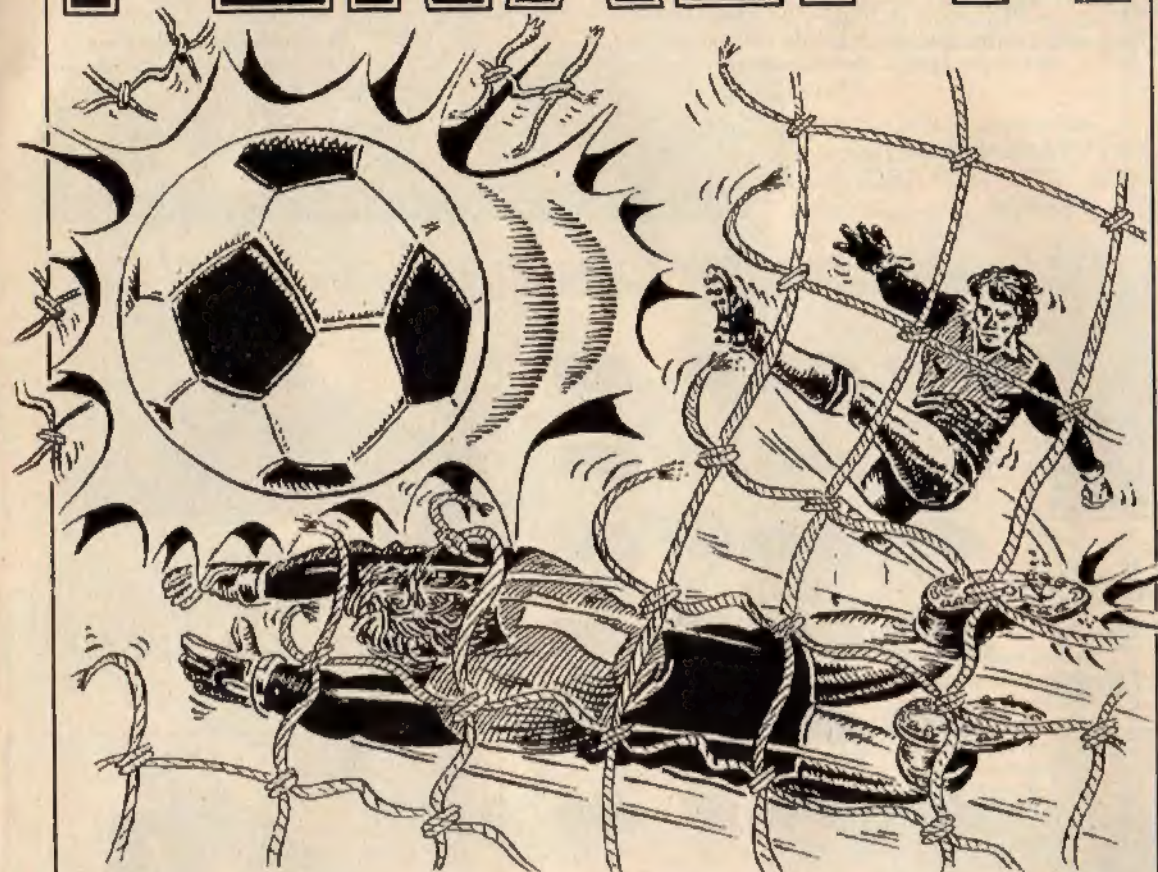
"Dunfermline are a very capable Premier League side and with memories of how they knocked us out of the Scottish Cup 18 months ago we certainly will not be guilty of selling them short.

"We have had more than our fair share of shocks already this season, so we know we must go into this match with the right attitude if we are to have any hope of going on to the semi-final.

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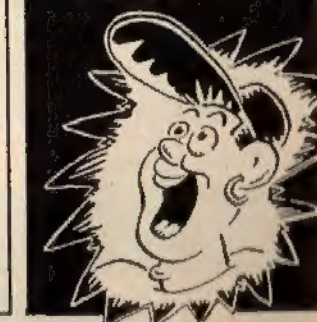
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million move from Spurs to
Marseille in the summer.
MATCH tracked him down
with his new French team,
to find out how life on the
continent is suiting him.

MATCH: What has been
your reaction to your
new life-style?

CHRIS: I'm experiencing a
different climate, language,
way of life, training and style of
play and it's all going to take
time getting used to. It may
even take me until Christmas to
adjust! But I'm reasonably
satisfied with my progress so
far. The heat is intense both for
morning training and evening
matches — often around 90
degrees.

MATCH: What about the
Marseille style of play?
Does it suit you?

CHRIS: It is new to me because
in England I liked to get
involved in the whole 90
minutes action. But when I
tried it here, I got completely
shattered because of the heat.
Then I tried playing deeper than
I am used to, but neither the
team or I benefitted. Now I'm
trying a new tactic — up front
moving laterally right or left,
giving close support to our two
strikers Jean-Pierre Papin and
Enzo Francescoli. I'm free to
move down the wings and feel
more at home with this.

MATCH: How would you
rate your first few
matches?

CHRIS: I haven't played as well
as I'm capable of, I must admit,
in my first half dozen matches,
but I feel I'm improving and I'm
giving it every ounce I've
got. If I don't succeed, it
certainly won't be
because I didn't try
my best. In France,
the style is a
possession game
and you don't
take unnecessary
risks. The game
depends on a
series of

short passes which involves an
extremely skilful technique.
Players don't like to blow it by
losing the ball.

MATCH: Do Marseille's
training methods differ
from anything you have
been used to?

CHRIS: Yes. They have shorter
periods here, but you're always
running with the ball, kicking
and passing continuously,
which is very tough on the
thigh muscles. The only free
day is the one before a match
and you hope your muscles will
stop aching in time for the
game.

MATCH: How have the
Marseille fans taken to
you?

CHRIS: The fans are superb.
They are as enthusiastic as
those at Newcastle, more than
those at Tottenham. They come
to watch our training sessions
and at one of my first I hit the
bar and headed in the rebound
and 1,000 fans applauded!

MATCH: How are you
coping with your new
diet and social life?

CHRIS: I haven't really tried
much new food yet and as for
socialising with the other
players, there isn't any really.
There are no pubs and no visits
to night clubs.

MATCH: Have you had
any embarrassing
moments?

CHRIS: The only real
embarrassment I had was once
in a restaurant when I poured
myself a glass of golden
coloured wine from a small
carafe and then found I was
drinking olive oil. At least I
didn't mistake the finger bowl
with slices of lemon floating in,
for a drink!

MATCH: What do you do
in your spare time?

CHRIS: There's no more
snooker or golf unfortunately. I
listen to a lot of music and I also
watch football on television,
partly because I don't
understand any other
programmes!

● And there's good news
about Waddle in his side's
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ENGLAND'S first-choice captain Bryan Robson was forced to miss last week's crucial World Cup qualifier against Sweden because of severely bruised ribs.

It is yet another entry in an amazing catalogue of injuries the Manchester United star has suffered over the years.

Robson has been battered, bruised and broken as our picture shows, but he always bounces back for more.

DISLOCATED

SHOULDER

— January 1985. During Manchester United's home game against Coventry Robson suffered a severe dislocation of his right shoulder with the added complication of circumflex nerve palsy. Because this nerve was paralysed, the muscle began to waste away. Arm and shoulder were supported in a 'collar 'n' cuff', but a month later paralysis still affected certain muscle fibres and a compensatory injury then happened while Robson was running in training — Achilles tendon inflammation in his left leg which had to be put in plaster for 10 days. Out of action for seven weeks.

— February 1986. Only three minutes into Manchester United v West Ham FA Cup tie, shoulder is dislocated again — another eight weeks on the injured list.

— June 1986. Same right shoulder goes again during World Cup game against Morocco in Mexico. Robson missed rest of World Cup.

TORN HAMSTRING

— October 1985. Three weeks out with torn hamstring picked up in England's World Cup qualifier with Turkey.

— November 1985. Another 31 days out of action when injury recurs during Manchester United v Sheffield Wednesday match.

STRAINED LEG

MUSCLE

— January 1988. Forced to miss friendly with Israel.

BROKEN NOSE

— June 1984. During England's tour of South America, Robson suffered severe fracture and displacement of his nose after a heavy fall, but still battled on to play in all three tour games — a 2-0 victory over Brazil, a defeat by Uruguay and a draw with Chile.

BRUISED RIBS

— September 1989. Robson misses World Cup qualifier against Sweden with severely bruised ribs.

BROKEN

FINGER

— October 1977. Fell during training and broke fourth finger of left hand, but no games missed.

LEG FRACTURES

— October 1976. The first of his major injuries came during a West Brom match with Spurs. Fracture of lower fibula. Out for 11 weeks.

— April 1977. Three minutes

CAPTAIN COURAGE!

into West Brom v Manchester City match, Robson suffers same lower fibula fracture. Is in plaster for 19 days.

— January 1978. Three leg fractures in three years, but this time in his right fibula.

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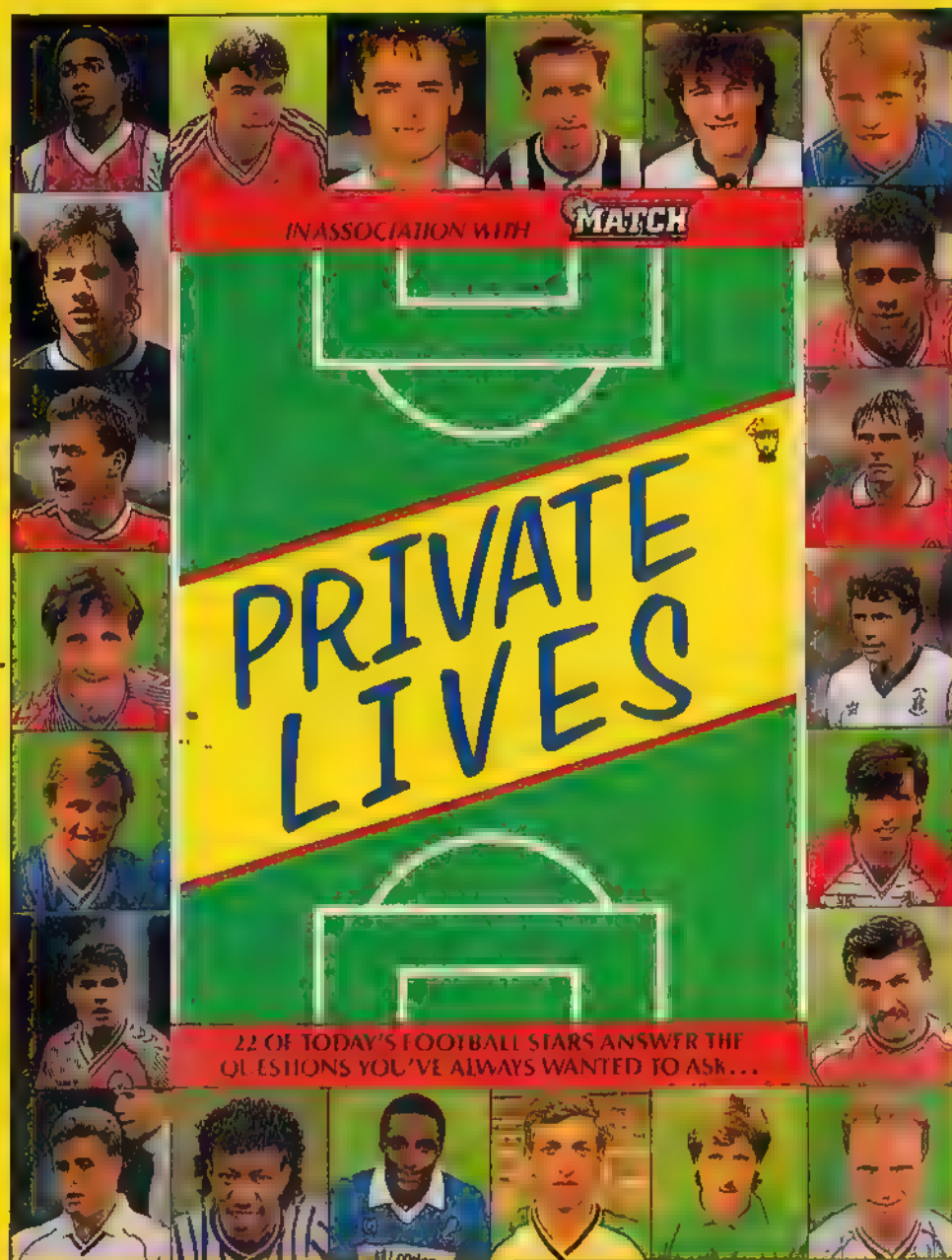
— December 1983. Out for six weeks with severe bruising during Manchester United v Oxford game.

TORN LIGAMENTS

— January 1978. Fracture of right fibula, just above ankle joint, during training.

— February 1983. Out of action for 77 days with 17 days in plaster after severe tear of ligaments in right ankle during Manchester United v Arsenal game.

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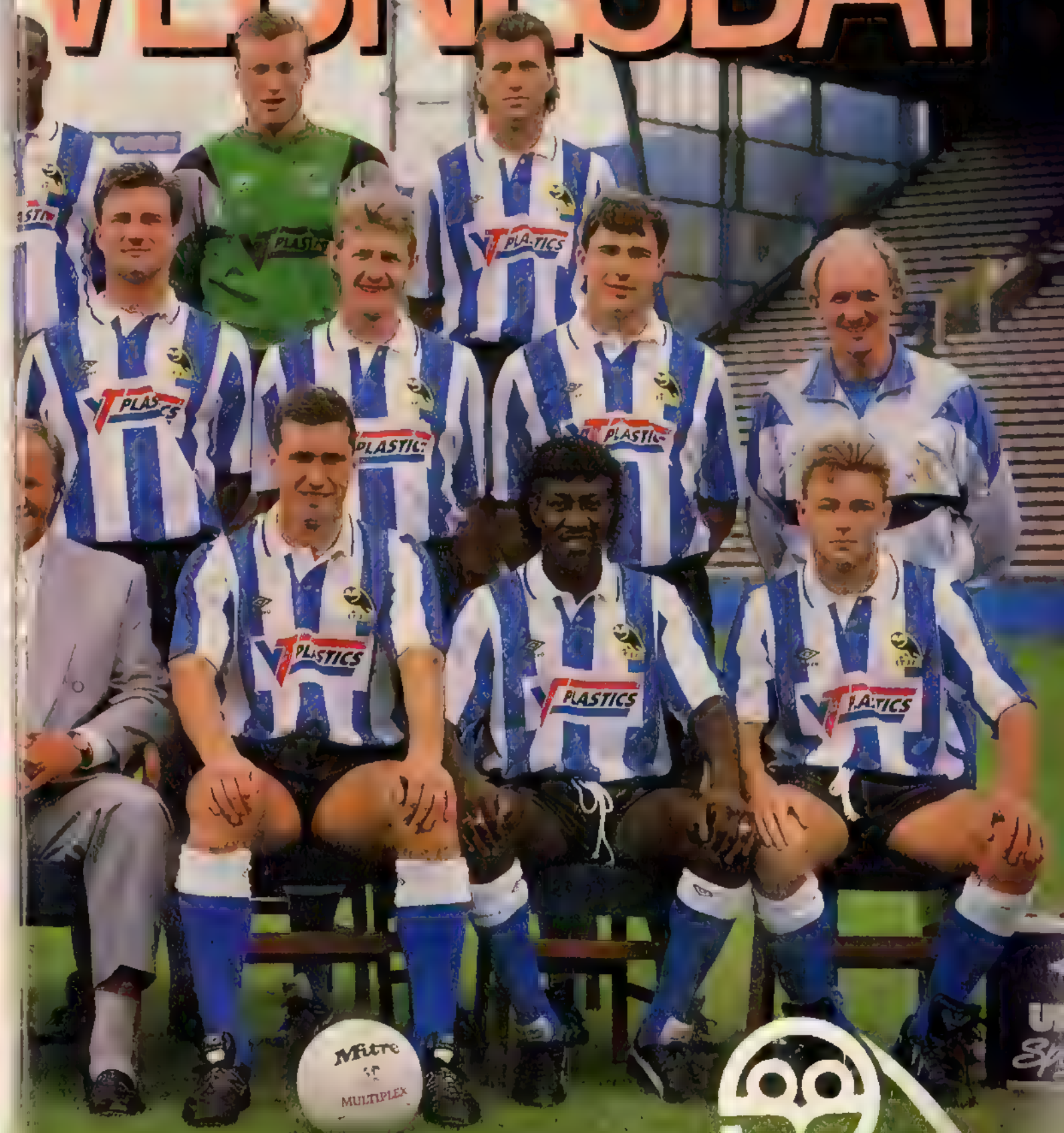
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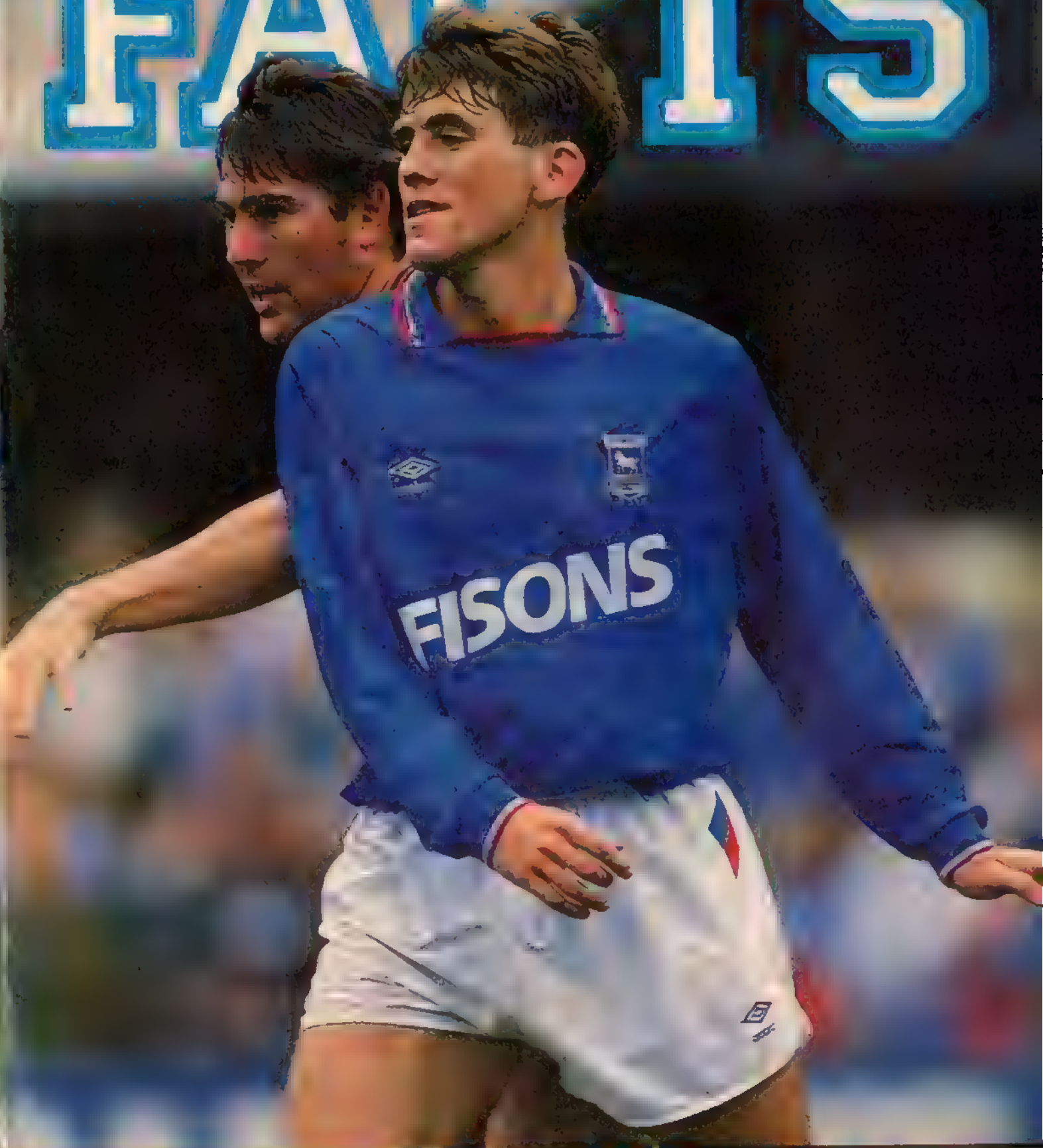
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FULHAM (0) 1 MANSFIELD (0) 0

Att: 4,551
GOALS: Fulham — Skinner (81): Scorer knew little about this deflection from a Des Bremner shot.
FULHAM: Stannard 8, Mauga 6, Thomas 6, Skinner 6, *NEBBELING 7, Marshall 6, Barnett 5 (sub 68 mins Kimble 5), Scott 6, Watson 6, Sayer 6, Walker 6 (sub 79 mins Bremner).
MANSFIELD: Cox, *MCKERNON 7, Prindiville 6, Hunt 6, Foster 6, Coleman 6, Lawrie 6, Stringfellow 5, Christie 6, Charles 6, Kearney 6. Subs not used: Hathaway, Hodges.
Referee: W. Burge (Tonypandy) 6.
Match Rating: **
Nothing much happened at Craven Cottage as two ordinary sides cancelled each other out. But out of the blue, Fulham sneaked a fortunate goal which was enough to give them their first home win of the season.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 BOLTON (1) 1

Att: 7,872
GOALS: Huddersfield — O'Regan (32): Keeper Felgate slipped and dropped the ball straight to Caceres. He was tackled by Winstanley but ball fell to O'Regan to chip in from 20 yards.
GOALS: Bolton — Crombie (9): Savage right wing corner reached unmarked Crombie. His shot deflected in.
HUDDERSFIELD: Hardwick 7, *TREVITT 9, Hutchings 6, May 7, O'Doherty 7, Lewis 7, O'Regan 8, Wilson 7, Caceres 6, Maskell 6 (sub 68 mins Onuora 7), Smith 8. Sub not used: Mitchell.
BOLTON: Felgate 6, Brown 7, Cowdrill 6, Savage 6, Crombie 7, Winstanley 7, *STORER 8 (sub 78 mins Henshaw), Thompson 6, Reeves 7, Philliskirk 7, Darby 7. Sub not used: Hughes.
Referee: P. Danson (Leicester) 7.
Match Rating: ****
Full-blooded encounter and both teams deserved to come away with something. Town's top scorer last season, Maskell, still to break his duck this term and short of confidence. Storer continually exposed Hutchings at left-back.

LEYTON ORIENT (1) 3 PRESTON (1) 1

Att: 4,871
GOALS: Leyton Orient — Castle (30): Buried Keith Day's flick back from close range giving 'keeper Alan Kelly no chance; Sitton (57): Powerful header from eight yards after deep cross by Steve Baker; Hull (80): Outstanding individual piece of finishing, rounding 'keeper Kelly to score, having been on the field 20 seconds.
GOALS: Preston — Ellis (13): Superb run of fully 60 yards ending with powerful low drive under Paul Head from inside the box.
LEYTON ORIENT: Head 7, Baker 7, Day 7, Sitton 7, Dickinson 6, Hales 6, Howard 6, *CASTLE 9, Harvey 8, Cooper 7, Carter 7 (sub 80 mins Hull). Sub not used: Pike.
PRESTON: Kelly 7, Miller 6 (sub 60 mins Bogie 6), Rathbone 7, Atkins 7, Jones 6, Wrightson 7, *MOONEY 8,

Ellis 7, Joyce 7, Shaw 6, Swann 6. Sub not used: Harper.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford) 8.
Match Rating: ****
Orient took control of the second half to achieve first win since returning to Division Three. Steve Castle, being hunted by so many First Division clubs, was the outstanding star. Centre half Sitton had a first period to forget with a series of defensive nightmares but made amends in style with the all important second Orient goal. And finally Hull made a sensational finish with a superb goal with his first touch of the ball.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

Att: 4,088
GOALS: Northampton — Thomas (47): Fiercely struck free-kick from the edge of the box that took a slight deflection off the wall; Adcock (90): Penalty sent Leaning the wrong way from the spot after Newman had fouled Quow.
NORTHAMPTON: Gleasure 7, Sandeman 7, Wilson 7, Donald 7, *WILCOX 9, McPherson 7, Quow 7, Collins 8, Thomas 7, Adcock 7, Berry 8. Subs not used: Culpin, Williams.
BRISTOL CITY: Leaning 6, Llewellyn 6, Honor 5, Wembleton 6 (sub 78 mins Mardon), Pender 6, Rennie 6, Gavin 5 (sub 60 mins Turner 5), Newman 6, *TAYLOR 7, Smith 6, Shelton 5.
Referee: J. Moules (Enth) 7.
Match Rating: ***
Big-spending Bristol City were given no change by a Northampton side securing their first win of the season. In contrast to City, Northampton never spent a penny in the transfer market, but still proved too good for Joe Jordan's men. City's attack was snuffed out by a Northampton rearguard that saw Wilcox excel as the organiser.

READING (0) 1 TRANMERE (0) 0

Att: 4,458
GOALS: Reading — Conroy (63): Close range header after pin point cross from Gilkes.
READING: Francis 7, Williams 6, Richardson 6, Beavon 6, Hicks 7, Wood 7, Jones 6, Taylor 6, Senior 6, *GILKES 6, Conroy 7. Sub not used: Leworthy and Bashir.
TRANMERE: Nixon 6, Higgins 6, McCarrick 7, *BISHOP 8, Hughes 6 (sub 71 mins Fairclough), Vickers 7, Morrissey 6, Harvey 6, Malkin 6, Muir 6, Thomas 6. Sub not used: Martindale.
Referee: R. Wiseman (Borehamwood) 6.
Match Rating: **
Reading stopped the Tranmere goalscoring machine in its track with a competent defensive display. But it took a piece of magic from Gilkes to unlatch the visitors defence.

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 WALSALL (0) 2

Att: 5,926
GOALS: Rotherham — Buckley (48): Solo effort after a great pass from Mendonca; Williamson (72): Beat the off-side trap and lobbed over the 'keeper.
GOALS: Walsall — Hawker (86): Glancing header from Thorpe's cross; Thorpe (88): Terrific 20-yard free-kick.
ROTHERHAM: O'Hanlon 6, *RUSSELL 8, Robinson 7, Grealish 6 (sub 55 mins Goodwin 6), Barnsley

7, Scott 6, Buckley 7 (sub 88 mins Johnson), Dempsey 7, Williamson 6, Mendonca 7, Hazel 7.
WALSALL: Green 6, Gritt 7, Mower 6 (sub 69 mins Kelly 6), Goodwin 7, Forbes 6, *SKIPPER 8, Pritchard 7, (sub 82 mins Bertschin), Rimmer 6, Savilla 7, Hawker 7, Thorpe 7.
Referee: G. Apilin (Kendall) 5.
Match Rating: **
Rotherham slipped from the Third Division top spot after squandering a hatful of chances in the first-half. All the goals came after the break in a brighter second period. Williamson's goal sparked controversy and Paul Taylor, Walsall's coach, was banished from the dug out amid angry protests that the goal was off-side but he got a grandstand view of Thorpe's late equaliser.



CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 BURNLEY (0) 1

Att: 4,061
GOALS: Burnley — Mumby (61): Ran on to loose ball and coolly slotted shot past Leonard after Brian had missed a tackle on Burnley striker Hancock.
CHESTERFIELD: Leonard 5, *GUNN 7, Ryan 6, Arnott 6, Brian 5, Hart 6, Plummer 6 (sub 69 mins B oomer 5), Hewitt 5, Waller 6, Thompson 6, Morris 5. Sub not used: Ralph.
BURNLEY: Pearce 7, Measham 6, Deakin 6, Deary 6, *MONNINGTON 8, Harris 7, White 7, Mumby 6, Hancock 7, Jakub 6, Grewcock 7. Subs not used: O'Connell and Hardy.
Referee: P. Vaneas (Warley) 6.
Match Rating: **
Burnley weathered a severe period of pressure in the first half to snatch the lead and then dominate the game. Chesterfield lacked pace and commitment up front while Burnley came back strongly through spirited display of £80,000 signing Hancock.

EXETER (0) 0 CARLISLE (0) 0

Att: 3,338
EXETER: Walters 6, Hiley 7, Vinnicombe 8, Rogers 6, (sub 48 mins Young 6), Taylor 7, Whitehead 6, Rowbotham 6, Bailey 8, *McDERMOTT 9, Neville 6, Dryden 7. Sub not used: Benjamin.
CARLISLE: *McKELLAR 9, Graham 7, Delziel 6, Saddington 7, Ogley 6, Fitzpatrick 8, Shepherd 5, Fyle 6, Walwyn 6, Proudlock 7, Halpin 6. Subs not used: Hatherington and Robertson.
Referee: K. A. Cooper (Swindon) 5.
Scoring off: Neville (Exeter) 78 mins.
Match Rating: ****
Unbeaten Exeter dropped first points of season and had striker Neville sent off for dissent. They totally dominated Carlisle, but failed to track determined defence. Brilliant performance by 'keeper McKellar.

GILLINGHAM (0) 0 SCUNTHORPE (0) 3

Att: 3,457
GOALS: Scunthorpe — Taylor (73): Blasted home from the penalty spot; Flounders (78): Shot in from close range after a Nicol header hit the bar and rebounded; Flounders (82): First time left-footed shot from

PLAYER RATINGS:

- 10 Out of this world
- 9 Outstanding
- 8 Excellent
- 7 Good
- 6 Adequate
- 5 Off Form
- 4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS:

- *****A Classic
- ****Good Value
- ***Satisfactory
- **Dull
- *Waste of Money

cross by Marshall had beaten two defenders on the left.
GILLINGHAM: Hillyard 6, *HAYLOCK 7, Johnson 6, Haines 6, Pearson 6, Palmer 6, Trussion 6, Eales 6, Gavin 6 (sub 54 mins Heritage 6), Lovell 6, Joseph 6 (sub 78 mins Norris).
SCUNTHORPE: Musselwhite 7, Smalley 7, Longden 6, Taylor 7, Nicol 7, Tucker 7, Hodgkinson 6, Cowling 7, Dawes 6 (sub 78 mins Hamilton), *FLOUNDERS 8, Marshall 7. Sub not used: Butler.
Referee: P. Foakes (Clacton) 6.
Match Rating: ***
Neither team had scored a League goal this season and it looked like a goalless draw as Musselwhite kept out Gillingham's best first-half efforts. A 63rd-minute Hodgkinson penalty saved by Hillyard made Scunthorpe all the more determined to break their duck and they hit three in nine minutes.

GRIMSBY (2) 4 COLCHESTER (0) 1

Att: 4,678
GOALS: Grimsby — Rees (10): Colchester 'keeper saved from Childs and Rees slammed in rebound, Watson (44): From loose ball to shoot past Hansbury; Daniels (59): Own goal after header from Lever; Rees (70): Brilliant overhead kick.
GOALS: Colchester — Allinson (47): Snapshot from just outside the box.
GRIMSBY: Rees 6, McDermott 7, Agnew 7, Tillson 7, Lever 7, Cunningham 6, Childs 7, Gilbert 6, *REES 8, Watson 6, Birtles 7 (sub 83 mins Alexander). Sub not used: Willis.
COLCHESTER: Hansbury 6, Hicks 6, Rooke 6, English 7, *DANIELS 8, Radford 7 (sub 65 mins Pollard 6), Bennett 7, Collins 7, Wilkins 5, Scott 5, Allinson 7. Sub not used: Taylor.
Referee: J. Kirkby (Sheffield) 4.
Match Rating: ***
Grimsby, with two ex-internationals in attack — Birtles and Rees — for the first time since 1935, played excellent football and look a good bet for promotion.

HALIFAX (0) 3 TORQUAY (0) 1

Att: 1,893
GOALS: Halifax — Watson (46): Well judged lob over the 'keeper; Matthews (54): First shot rebound off 'keeper, but Matthews hit in rebound, Matthews (89): Header from Phillips by-line cross.
GOALS: Torquay — Loram (84): Penalty after he was brought down by Butler.
HALIFAX: Whitehead 7, Barr 6, Cook 6, Hedworth 7, Bramhall 7, Horner 6, Martin 7, Watson 7 (sub 77 mins McPhillips), *MATTHEWS 8, Butler 7, Hall 6. Sub not used: Richardson.
TORQUAY: Vaysay 6, Holmes 6, Pugh 7, *MATTHEWS 6, Davies 6, Uzzell 7, Weston 6 (sub 66 mins Loram 7), Lloyd 7, Edwards 7, Airey 7 (sub 66 mins Joyce 7), Miller 7.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster) 6.
Match Rating: ***

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Halifax striker Matthews celebrated his return from a three-match ban with two goals. Despite the scoreline, Torquay fought hard with strong defending and tight marking.

HEREFORD (1) 3 MAIDSTONE (0) 0

Att: 2,627
GOALS: Hereford — Benbow (21): Close-range shot after Bradley flicked a ball on from Tester corner; Robinson (53): Steered home pass from Benbow after Mark A. Jones had broken clear and crossed to far post; Robinson (58): Ran on to left-wing centre from Tester to net from ten yards.
HEREFORD: Phillips 7, Jones, Mark, A. 8, Devine 7, Pejic 8, Peacock 7, Bradley 8, Jones, Richard 8, Nabrett 7, Benbow 7 (sub 80 mins Stevens), Robinson 8, *TESTER 9. Sub not used: Thomas.
MAIDSTONE: *BEENEY 7, Eley 8, Cooper 7, Pamphlett 6, Golley 6, Berry 5, Lillie 5 (sub 54 mins Pearce 6), Galliers 6 (sub 54 mins Gall 6), Sorrell 6, Butler 6, Charley 7.
Referee: J. Lloyd (Wrexham) 7.
Match Rating: ***
Hereford in dominant form and had two goals disallowed. It was their fifth game without defeat and fourth win on the trot. Maidstone had no luck. They were reduced to ten men in the 67th minute when Berry was accidentally kicked in the face.

LINCOLN (2) 2 DONCASTER (1) 1

Att: 3,906
GOALS: Lincoln — Bressington (10): A cracking right-foot shot to complete a 60-yard move; Groves (24): Headed into roof of net from cross by Clarke.
GOALS: Doncaster — Turnbull (38): Header into top corner from a cross by Stiles.
LINCOLN: Gorton 6, Casey 6, Clarke 7, Schofield 6, Thompson 6 (sub 68 mins Davis 6), Brown, G. 6, Groves 7, *BRESSINGTON 8, Sertori 6, Carmichael 7, Cummings 6. Sub not used: Watt.
DONCASTER: Samways 6, *BROCKIE 8, Brevitt 5, Douglas 6, Ashurst 5, Raffell 6, Robinson 6, Stiles 6, Turnbull 7, Rankine 7, Summer 5. Subs not used: Jones, Gaughan.
Referee: E. Parker (Preston) 6.
Match Rating: *****
Lincoln kept up their 100 per cent League record but were left hanging on for victory by a spirited second-half performance from Rovers. In the end it was a very close thing with Doncaster hitting the post and having a goal disallowed in the last minute as Lincoln relaxed a bit too much.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 ALDERSHOT (1) 1

Att: 3,787
GOALS: Peterborough — Robinson (44): Near post header following Halsall corner.
GOALS: Aldershot — Puckett (39): Penalty after Burvill was brought down by Luke.
PETERBOROUGH: Crichton 6, Luke 7, Butterworth 6, *HALSALL 8, Robinson 7, Oakes 6, Sterling 7, Graham 6, Richards 6, Osborne 6 (sub 65 mins Longhurst 6), Goldsmith 6. Sub not used: Andrews.
ALDERSHOT: Coles 6, Burvill 7, Phillips 6, Coyne 6, Smith 6, Wignall 7, Williams 6, *PUCKETT 8, Banton 7, Henry 6, Stewart 6 (sub 72 mins Claridge). Sub not used: Hunt.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley) 7.
Match Rating: ***
Peterborough recovered some of their pride following the six-goal Littlewoods Cup defeat inflicted by Aldershot in mid-week that cost manager Mick Jones his job, but their long spells of possession should have produced more goals.

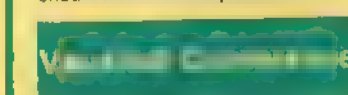
Aldershot's efforts to break the deadlock with a brave second half substitution also failed.

ROCHDALE (0) 0 WREXHAM (2) 3

Att: 2,331
GOALS: Wrexham — Beaumont (13): Twenty-yarder after free-kick; Flynn (40): Speculative shot from outside area; Flynn (74): Breakaway with home defenders upfield.
ROCHDALE: Welch 6, Goodison 6, *HILL 7, Brown 5, Cole 6, Ward 6 (sub 64 mins Edmonds 6), Ainscow 6, Holmes 6, Walling 5 (sub 50 mins Wellings 6), Burns 6, Stonehouse 5.
WREXHAM: *O'KEEFE 7, Barnes 6 (sub 82 mins Preece), Wrench 6, Flynn 6, Beaumont 6, Jones 6, Bowden 6, Hunter 6 (sub 74 mins Thackeray), Buxton 5, Worthington 8, Cooper 6.
Referee: K. Breen (Liverpool) 6.
Match Rating: ***
Rochdale had 75 per cent of play and chances, but finished with a blank sheet. Wrexham's Flynn showed them how it should have been done with a double strike.

SCARBOROUGH (1) 1 CAMBRIDGE (1) 1

Att: 2,522
GOALS: Scarborough — Russell (41): Left-foot penalty after Saunders had been brought down by Kimble.
GOALS: Cambridge — Taylor (57 secs): Set up by Ba lie when he stunned home defence with some fine footwork before slipping ball to Taylor.
SCARBOROUGH: Blackwell 7, Kamara 8, Clarke 7, Short 6 (sub 48 mins Olsson 7), Richards 7, Bennyworth 8, Saunders 8 (sub 67 mins Norris 7), Graham 7, Dobson 8, Brook 8, *RUSSELL 9.
CAMBRIDGE: Vaughan 7, Baillie 7, Kimble 8, O'Shea 7, Chapple 7, Daish 6, Dennis 6, Leadbitter 7, Dublin 7 (sub 67 mins Ryan 6), Taylor 8, *PHILLPOTT 8. Sub not used: Robinson.
Referee: G. Simpson (Sowerby Br dgo) 8.
Match Rating: ****
Cambridge threw away a dream start. The 'Seasiders' had plenty of chances in the second half and should have had full points.



ALTRINCHAM (0) 0 SUTTON (0) 0

Att: 1,053
BARNET (1) 5 (Bull 45, Regis 47, Clarke 58, Payne 61, 82).
CHORLEY (0) 0
Att: 2,523

BARROW (0) 2 BOSTON (0) 1

(Fell 75, Cowperthwaite 85).
Att: 813
FARNBOROUGH (2) 3 (Read 5, 30, Horton 62).
STAFFORD (2) 3 (Essex 6, Camden, pen 35, 69).
Att: 1,013

FISHER (0) 1 MACCLESFIELD (0) 3

(Ambrose 62).
Att: 908
KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (0) 2 (Barton 48, Casey 58).
ENFIELD (0) 0
Att: 1,461

RUNCORN (1) 2 (Carter 22, Doherty, pen 50).
CHELTENHAM (1) 4 (Jordan 26, Williams 48, Nuttall 80, Boyland 85).
Att: 886

TELFORD (0) 1 MERTHYR (0) 1

(McGinty, pen 58).
Att: 1,711
WELLING (0) 3 (Robbins, pen 58, Booker 87, Clemence 88).
KETTERING (0) 0
Att: 1,157
WYCOMBE (0) 0
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Cork 55).
Att: 2,200

YEOVIL (1) 1 (Spencer 18).
NORTHWICH (0) 2 (Blane 62, Parker 79).
Att: 2,454

Conference round-up

Darlington staked their claim for an early return to the Football League with their third win in as many games.
A 55th minute goal by David Cork secured the points at Wycombe Wanderers. The 'Quakers', who top the Conference table, have still to concede a goal.
Macclesfield Town remain the only other 100 per cent side. Their 3-1 win at Fisher Athletic made it an unhappy home debut for manager Malcolm Allison.
High-scoring Barnet hit their ninth goal in two games as they trounced Chorley 5-0 in front of the day's best crowd of 2,523. The goals came from Gary Bull (45), Dave Regie (47), Andrew Clarke (58) and Derek Payne (61 and 82).

Saturday, Sept 2 SCOTTISH



ALBION ROVERS (0) 3 (Watson 16, Graham 53, McAnenay 81).
CLYDEBANK (0) 4 (Davies 51, Hughes 51, Coyle 65, Laidie 89).
Att: 700 (Played at Broomfield Park).
Unbelievable stuff with five goals in nine minutes but Ken Eadie was the 'Bankies' hero with a last-minute winner.

CLYDE (2) 2 (McAte 35, 11).
AYR (1) 2 (Templeton 1, Walker 20).
Att: 1600
Former Aberdeen striker Tommy Walker saved the day for struggling Ayr who have yet to win a League game.

FALKIRK (1) 1 (Burgess 20).
MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Roseburgh 2).
Att: 3,119
Jim Duffy's men are still not firing on all cylinders but Falkirk are creating the chances and it's only a matter of time before someone suffers.

FORFAR (0) 0
PARTICK (1) 3 (Charnley pen 12, 52, pen 80).
Att: 800
It was drastic on the plastic of Annfield for relegated 'Queens' as Albion thrashed the Palmerston men.

Att: 1,416
Eccentric Chick Charnley showed why he's the fan's favourite by bagging a hat-trick to keep Thistle just one point off the pace.

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Morrison, pen 75).
ALLOA (0) 0
Att: 1,751
Stevie Morrison maintained Hamilton's unbeaten home record from the spot but it was a struggle for 'Accies'.

MORTON (0) 0
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Lawrence 72).
Att: 1,600
The introduction of the big Macs — Ken McDonald and Innes MacDonald — swung it for Airdrie in the second half as they combined to set up Alan Lawrence for the goal.

RAITH ROVERS (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (2) 2 (Moore 27, Grant 11).
Att: 1,979
Super Saints kept their 100 per cent record with ease at Starks Park but Rovers had to do without 'keeper Gordon Arthur for half an hour after he needed stitches in a mouth wound.

BRECHIN (0) 2 (Brash 52, Ritchie 60).
ARBROATH (1) 2 (Bennett 35, Robertson 81).
Att: 800
Veteran Lex Richardson ensured a share of the points for Arbroath but Brechin stay on top on goals difference.



DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Spence 37).
BERWICK (5) 5 (Porteous 5, 22, 26, 29, 43).
Att: 800
Brian Thorpe hit a superb hat-trick as Dumbarton crashed to their heaviest defeat of the season.

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Hunter 51).
QUEENS PARK (0) 1 (Caven 86).
Att: 801
The Hampden men left it late but Ross Caven snatched the vital equaliser which keeps Queens Park level at the top with Brechin.

KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (Watters 19, Montgomery 16).
E STIRLING (0) 0
Att: 1,749
Struggling East Stirling, who have just changed managers, became Kilmarnock's first scalp of the new season.

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (McGurn 78).
Montrose (0) 0
Att: 100
Joe McGurn made sure of The 'Warriors' second win of the season with a superb strike.

STIRLING ALB (2) 5 (Moore pen 10, 82, Mitchell 30, Lloyd 63, Docherty 80).
QUEEN OF STH (0) 0
Att: 800
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STRANRAER (0) 3
(McCurloch pen 19, Harkness 62, Henderson 81)
COWDENBEATH (1) 3
(Spence 22)
Att: 550
Cowdenbeath are still the worst team in Scotland with no points after four games—but there was some joy for the Central Park men as Billy Spence scored their first goal of the campaign!

Monday, Sept 4



FISHER (3) 4 (Gorman 9, 31, 73, Lee 5)
FARNBOROUGH (2) 2
(Read 34, Turrington 36)
Att: 696

KIDDERMINSTER (2) 2
(J. C. 26, J. C. 26)
MCCLESFIELD (2) 2
(Dorchester 87, Askey 89)
Att: 2,040

NORTHWICH (1) 1 (Hart 28)
BARROW (0) 0
Att: 803

Tuesday, Sept 5

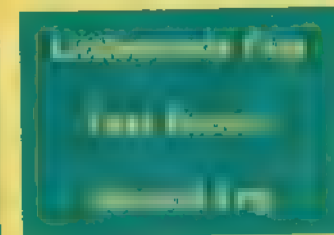


BARNESLEY (2) 3
STOKE (1) 2
Att: 8,584
GOALS: Barnesley—Agnew (2): A shot from edge of box following a Robinson cross; Cooper (40): Looping header over Fox who was caught off his line, Lowndes (62) Hit loose ball into empty net.
GOALS: Stoke—Berry (10): Penalty after Agnew handled; (Morgan 58) Unstoppable volley into roof of net.
BARNESLEY: Baker 7, Shotton 8, Broddie 8, Dobbin 7, *BANKS 9, Fletcher 7 (sub 32 mins Tiller 7), Lowndes 7, Agnew 8, Cooper 8, Currie 8, Robinson 7. Sub not used: Macdonald.
STOKE: Fox 8, Butler 8, Statham 7, Kamara 7, Beeston 8, Berry 7, Hackett 7, Scott 7, Bamber 8, Morgan 7 (sub 88 mins Saunders), *BEAGRIE 9, Sub not used: Higgins.
Referee: R Hart (Darlington) 7
Match Rating: ***
Barnesley bounced back after two indifferent performances to register a well-earned victory. Steve Agnew set the pace after just two minutes and the home team always managed to keep their nose ahead.

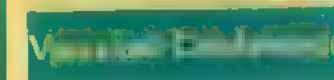


WREXHAM (0) 0
STOCKPORT (0) 1
Att: 2,333
GOALS: Stockport—Payne (71): Right-foot shot from 10 yards after long ball from Dave Logan touched on by Brett Angell.

WREXHAM: O'Keefe 6, Barnes 6, Wrench 6, Hunter 5, *BEAUMONT 7, Jones 6, Cooper 5 (sub 74 mins Filson), Flynn 6 (sub 74 mins Thackery), Buxton 6, Worthington 6, Bowden 6.
STOCKPORT: Siddall 6, Brown 6, Logan 7, *MATTHEWS 8, Williams 6, Thorpe 6, McInerney 7, Payne 7, Oghani 6 (sub 68 mins Caldwell 6), Cooke 7, Angell 6. Sub not used: Bullock.
Referee: J Kay (Sheffield) 9.
Match Rating: *
Stockport's first win of the season stemmed from Payne and Mick Matthews' midfield control and big defenders who made life tough for smaller Wrexham players.



NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Marshall win 3-1 on aggregate)
GOALS: Mansfield—Christie (28): Low angled drive from the right after Charles punished Northampton for losing possession; Stringfellow (32): a close-range stab in from Lowery's left-wing cross.
NORTHAMPTON: Gleasure 6, Sandeman 5 (sub 57 mins Williams 5), Wilson 6, Donald 6, Wilcox 6, McPherson 6, Quow 8 (sub 57 mins Culpin 6), Collins 6, *THOMAS 7, Adcock 6, Barry 5.
MANSFIELD: Cox 7, McKernon 7, Prindiville 6, Hunt 8, Foster 8, *COLEMAN 9, Lowery 7, Stringfellow 8, Christie 7, Charles 7, Kearney 6. Sub not used: Lushman, Hathaway.
Referee: R Pawley (Cambridge) 7.
Match Rating: **
Two goals in three minutes gave Mansfield a scrappy and grab victory and a second Round date with Littlewoods Cup experts Luton. Frustrated Northampton did the early pressing but ran out of ideas.



CHORLEY (2) 2 (Brady 26, Keighley 86)
ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 (Fletcher 82)
Att: 802

ENFIELD (0) 0
KETTERING (3) 3 (Cooke 12, Moss 36, Keen, og 38)
Att: 815

MERTHYR (2) 2 (Webley 13, 22)
YEovil (1) 2 (Carroll 15, Spencer 47)
Att: 2,304

RUNCORN (2) 3 (Carter 28, 44, Doherty 80)
TELFORD (0) 0
Att: 725

SUTTON (1) 1 (McKinnon 16)
BARNET (2) 3 (Regis 9, 17, Cooper 71)
Att: 1,296

SCOTTISH



AIRDRIE (0) 1 (MacDonald 85)
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Bapt 77)
Att: 4,500
Promotion favourites Falkirk are still finding it tough and only just escaped with a point.

ALLOA (1) 4 (Lamont 37, McCann 55, 83, Irvine 78)
ALBION ROVERS (0) 1 (McKenzie 63)
Att: 9,333
Rovers, who pipped Alloa for the Second Division title last season, were thrashed at Recreation Park and find themselves with only two points from five games.

AYR UTD (1) 2 (Sludden 18, Walker 85)
WARTON (3) 3 (Red 2, Boak, 28, Aexar 31)
Att: 2,492
Aly Macleod's Ayr are finding life increasingly difficult and must be one of the favourites for the drop.

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Hughes 47, Eadie 81)
CLYDE (0) 1 (McGlashan 89)
Att: 1,009
'Bankers' moved into fourth place scoring their third victory of the season with midfield star Jim Hughes running the show.

MEADOWBANK (3) 3 (Park 14, 43, Forrest 41)
FORRAR (1) 1 (Morton 5)
Att: 750
Veteran winger Donald Park, 36, inspired Thistle to a comfortable victory.

PARTICK (1) 3 (Wright 30, Campbell 46, Charnley pen 85)
RAITH (0) 1 (Dafziel 58)
Att: 3,870
Chick Charnley grabbed his fourth goal in four days to keep Thistle just one point behind pacesetters St Johnstone.

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 3 (McInnes 1, 4, 54, 77)
HAMILTON (0) 0
Att: 6,203
Super 'Saints' made it five wins out of five with Allan Moore grabbing his fifth goal in three games.

UEFA Under-21 Championship

Group Two

SWEDEN (1) 1 (Elm 31)
ENGLAND (0) 0
Att: 8,019 (in Uppsala)

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	4	3	1	0	8	1	7
England	5	3	1	1	7	4	7
Poland	3	0	1	2	1	6	1
Albania	4	0	1	3	1	6	1

Group Five

YUGOSLAVIA (0) 4 (Suker 18, 60, Petric 31, Prosinecki 85)

SCOTLAND (0) 1 (Gardner 55)
Att: 9,000 (in Slavovski Brod)
Other result: Norway 1, France 1.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	5	4	1	0	10	3	9
France	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
Norway	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Scotland	4	0	1	3	4	10	1

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Group Two

SWEDEN (0) 0
ENGLAND (0) 0
Att: 38,558 (in Stockholm)
SWEDEN: Ravelli 7, Nilsson, R. 6, *HYSEN 9, Larsson 6, Lung 6, Engqvist 6, Thern 7, Ingesson 6 (sub 72 mins Stromberg), Nilsson, J. 6 (sub 78 mins Limpar), Ekstrom 5, Magnusson 6.
ENGLAND: Shilton 8, Stevens 7, Pearce 7, Webb 6 (sub 73 mins Gascoigne), Walker 7, *BUTCHER 9, Beardsley 5, McMahon 8, Waddle 6, Linaker 6, Barnes 5 (sub 77 mins Rocastle).
Referee: H Forstinger (Austria) 6.
Match Rating: **
England never got out into their stride against a poor Swedish team but Bobby Robson must have been more than happy with a point from a potentially tricky encounter.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	10	0	8
Sweden	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Poland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Albania	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

Group Four

FINLAND (0) 1
WALES (0) 0
Att: 7,480 (in Helsinki)
GOALS: Finland—Lipponen (50): curling corner from the right and Lipponen stooped to head past Southall.
FINLAND: Laukkanen 7, Holmgren 6, Europaeus 7, Heikkinen 7, Lahtinen 6, Myrsky 7, Ikaelainen 8, *UKKONEN 8 (sub 83 mins Tauriainen), Tarkko 7, Paatelainen 7 (sub 85 mins Tornvall 6), Lipponen 7.
WALES: Southall 7, Blackmore 6, Phillips 7, Ratcliffe 7, *NICHOLAS 8, Davies 7, Williams 6 (sub 81 mins Bowen), Aizlewood 6, Saunders 6, Rush 6, Hughes 6.
Referee: S Kirschen (East Germany) 6.
Match Rating: **
Sorry Wales' World Cup fate was all but sealed as their expensive collection of strikers again failed to find their touch in front of goal.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	4	2	2	0	3	1	6
W. Germany	4	1	3	0	5	1	5
Finland	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
Wales	4	0	2	2	2	4	2

Group Five

YUGOSLAVIA (0) 3
SCOTLAND (1) 1
Att: 38,000 (in Zagreb)
GOALS: Yugoslavia—Katanec (54): superb header after a Balijic cross from the right; Nicol (57): Katanec again climbed to meet a free

kick and forced Nicol into putting ball past his own 'keeper; Gillespie (58): a Vujovic cross from the left deflected the helpless Leighton.
GOALS: Scotland—Durie (37): a great far post header after McCoist slipped his marker and sent over a perfect cross.
YUGOSLAVIA: Ivkovic 7, Spasic 6, Balijic 7, Katanec 8, Hadzibegovic 7, Brnovic 6, Susic 8, Babderavic 6, Jakrovljevic 5 (sub 73 mins Savevic).
SCOTLAND: Leighton 7, Gillespie 7, Malpas 7, Aitken 5, McLeish 4, Muller 6, Nicol 5, *McSTAY 8, McCoist 7, MacLeod 7, Durie 7 (sub 71 mins McNally).
Referee: M Van Langenhove (Belgium) 7.
Match Rating: ****
Four minutes of slackness cost Scotland dearly. Their first half performance was as good as anything they have produced away from home in recent years and only the controversial chalking off of a McCoist striker than a great save from Ivkovic from Durie kept the Scots in the game.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	6	4	2	0	13	5	10
Scotland	6	4	1	1	11	8	9
Norway	6	2	1	3	7	5	5
France	6	1	3	2	5	7	5
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

Group Six

NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 1
HUNGARY (2) 2
Att: 8,000 (in Belfast)
GOALS: Northern Ireland: Whiteside (89): typically brave near post diving heading from curling Danny Wilson cross.
GOALS: Hungary—Kovacs (12): makeshift central defender Rogan allowed a long clearance from the 'keeper to bounce under his foot and Kovacs pounced to score. Bognar (44): Corner on the left fell for Bognar and he scored with a blistering shot which gave Wright no chance.
NORTHERN IRELAND: Wright 7, Fleming 7, Worthington 6, Rogan 8, McDonald 7, McCreery 6, Wilson, D 7, Quinn 6 (sub 76 mins O'Neill), Clarke 6, *WHITESIDE 8, Black 6.
HUNGARY: Diszti, P. 6, Szalai 6, Keller 7, Diszti 7, Kovacs 7, Limperger 7, Bognar 7 (sub 70 mins Gulyas), Sess 7, Fischer 7.
***DEJARI 8, Kovacs 7.**
Referee: E. Fredriksson (Sweden) 6.
Match Rating: ***
Billy Bingham must now look to the future with his side's hopes of reaching three successive World Cup Finals in tatters and only pride left to play for against the Republic next month.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	0	1	14	10	10
Ireland	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
Hungary	6	2	3	1	6	7	7
N. Ireland	7	2	1	4	6	9	5
Malta	7	0	2	5	3	16	2

International Friendly

REP OF IRELAND (1) 1 (Stapleton 10)
WEST GERMANY (1) 1 (Dorfer 32)
Att: 47,000 (in Dublin)

Vauxhall Conference

BOSTON (0) 1 (Cook 83)
DARLINGTON (0) 3 Corner, pen 59, Borthwick 61, Hine 89)
Att: 2,212

WELLING (0) 0
WYCOMBE (0) 0
Att: 910

Friday, Sept 8



COLCHESTER (1) 1
HEREFORD (0) 1
Att: 3,269
GOALS: Colchester—Allinson (36): penalty after Wilkins fouled.
GOALS: Hereford—Pejic (89): Taster corner headed on by Bradley and Pejic forced ball into net.
COLCHESTER: Hansbury 7, Hicks 7, Stafford 6, English 8, *DANIELS 9, Blake 8, Bennett 7, Collins 6, Wilkins 8, Taylor 6, Allinson 6. Sub not used: Radford, Scott.
HEREFORD: Phillips 5, Jones, M. 7, Williams 6, Pejic 7, Peacock 7, *BRADLEY 8, Jones, R. 7, Narbett 7, Benbow 7, Robinson 7, Taster 7. Sub not used: Devins, Jones, M.
Referee: P Jones (Loughborough) 7.
Match Rating: **
Hereford are still unbeaten but conceded their first goal in five matches. Colchester, apart from the penalty, failed to punish some uncertain handling by loan 'keeper Phillips.

Saturday, Sept 9



ARSENAL (1) 5
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
Att: 30,058

GOALS: Arsenal—Merson (22): headed home Adams' flick from a corner; Adams (54): Side-footed rebound after Turner blocked Merson shot; Woodward (73): rebound after Smith shot was blocked; Thomas (76): finished off sweeping move by Smith, Rocastle and Richardson; Smith (82): headed in Merson cross.
ARSENAL: Lukic 7, Dixon 7, Winterburn 7, Thomas 7, O'Leary 8, Adams 7, Rocastle 8, Marwood 7. Sub not used: Groves, Jonsson.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: Turner 6, Shirliff 6, Worthington 6, Whitton 5, Pearson 6, Madden 5, Taylor 5, Harper 5 (sub 86 mins Newsom), *ATKINSON 7, Hirst 6 (sub 80 mins Bennett), Shakespeare 5.
Referee: J Martin (Alton) 5.
Match Rating: ***
The Champions gained just the confidence boost they wanted after their slow start. Strikers Smith and Merson were relieved to score their first goals of the season and bottom club Wednesday already look doomed unless Ron Atkinson can inspire a magic transformation.

ASTON VILLA (2) 2
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Att: 24,769

GOALS: Aston Villa—Olney (9): Low hard cross from Callaghan which Olney controlled before

lashing the ball into the net; Olney (25): Platt's volley was blocked by the Spurs defence but the ball fell to Olney who scored at the second attempt.
ASTON VILLA: Spink 6, Price 7, Gallagher 6, Gage 6, Mountfield 7, McGrath 7, Platt 7, Heath 6, *OLNEY 8, Gray 7, Callaghan 6. Sub not used: Nielsen, Williams.
SPURS: Thorstvedt 6, Butters 5 (sub 45 mins Stevens 5), Van den Hauwe 6, Fenwick 6, Howells 5, Mabbutt 6, Samways 5, (sub 36 mins *WALSH 8), Gascoigne 7, Stewart 6, Linaker 6, Allen 5.
Referee: K Morton (Bury St Edmunds) 6.
Match Rating: ***
Ian Olney's first half goals were a welcome boost to give Villa their first win of the season. Spurs again struggled, with Gary Linaker failing to show the kind of form required to lift the Londoners.

CHELSEA (1) 2
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2
Att: 21,523

GOALS: Chelsea—Durie (9): hooked ball into the net after a corner; Dixon (66): header from corner with Forest defence rooted to ground.
GOALS: Nottingham Forest—Chapman (8): from narrow angle holding off challenge from Wilson; Chapman (84): mistake by Roberts missing cross by Pearce.
CHELSEA: Beasant 7, Clarke 7, Wilson, C. 7, Roberts 6, Lee 5, Monkou 6, Dickens 7 (sub 45 mins Bumstead 6), Nicholas 8, Dixon 7, (sub 45 mins Wilson, K. 7), Durie 7, *HAZARD 9.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Sutton 6, Laws 9, Pearce 8, Walker 7, Foster 7, Hodge 7 (sub 63 mins Wilson 6), Crosby 7, Parker 7, Clough 7, *CHAPMAN 10, Rice 7. Sub not used: Gaynor.
Referee: B Hill (Kettering) 8.
Match Rating: ****
Substitutes Kevin Wilson and Bumstead contributed well to a second-half Chelsea performance and the home side Chelsea were unlucky to concede a late goal.

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Att: 12,116

GOALS: Crystal Palace—Thomas (19): low shot from close in from Wright's overhead pass, ball struck goalkeeper Hans Segers on the way in; Wright (75): collected a return pass from Bright, outstripped the defence, and side-stepped Segers.
CRYSTAL PALACE: Suckling 7, Pemberton 7, Burke 7, *GRAY 9, Hopkins 8, O'Reilly 8, McGoldrick 6, Thomas 6, Bright 7, Wright 7, Pardew 6. Sub not used: Dyer, Shaw.
WIMBLEDON: Segers 7, Curle 7, Phelan 7, Kruszyński 7, *YOUNG 8, Scales 7, Fairweather 6 (sub 63 mins Gibson 6), Cork 7 (sub 82 mins Joseph), Fashanu 7, Sanchez 6, Wise 7.
Referee: A Gunn (South Chalfont) 7.
Match Rating: ***
Palace chalked up their first victory of the season leaving Wimbledon still without a victory. With both teams playing the long ball game it was never a brilliant spectacle, but Palace were rewarded for their extra sharpness in the box.

DERBY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 3
Att: 20,034

GOALS: Liverpool—Rush (50): scored from close-range after Beardsley hit the bar; Barnes (82): penalty after Beardsley brought down, Beardsley (90): brilliant solo effort to crown superb display.

DERBY: *SHILTON 6, (Hatch 6) Forsyth 6, Williams 6, Wright 6, Hindmarch 6, McMinn 6 (sub 70 mins Pickering 6), Saunders 6, Goddard 5, Hebbard 5, Micklethwait 5. Sub not used: Gee.
LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar 7, Hysen 7, Burrows 7, Nicol 8, Whelan 8, Hansen 8, Beardsley 8, Gillespie 7, Rush 8, Barnes 8, *McMAHON 9. Sub not used: Aldridge, Molby.
Referee: G Courtney (Spennymoor) 7.

Match Rating: ****
Liverpool showed they are in the mood to reclaim the First Division title with a breathtaking display that destroyed Derby. After a scoreless first half Liverpool turned on the power to rip the home side to pieces, with Ian Rush claiming his first goal of the season.

EVERTON (1) 3
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 2
Att: 37,916

GOALS: Everton—Newell (35): Fine cross-shot after superb pass from Whiteside; Nevin (47): cheeky lob over Leighton after great through ball from Shedy; Sharp (54): brave diving header at far post from Nevin's cross.
GOALS: Man United—McClair (57): took full advantage of a slip in the area by Watson; Beardsmore (68): Far post volley from a Blackmore cross.
EVERTON: Southall 7, Snodlin 8, Poynton 7, Ratcliffe 6, Watson 7, McCall 8, Whiteside 8 (sub 55 mins McDonald 7), Nevin 7, Sharp 7, *NEWELL 9, Shedy 7. Sub not used: Cottage.
MAN UNITED: Leighton 7, Duxbury 6 (sub 58 mins Anderson 8), Martin 6 (sub 58 mins Beardsmore 7), Bruce 7, *PHELAN 9, Pallister 6, Donaghy 8, Blackmore 7, McClair 7, Hughes 6, Sharpe 7.
Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham) 5.
Match Rating: ****
Everton, with their new strike force of Sharp and Newell each grabbing a goal, were impressive as they built a three-goal lead. But United's injury-ravaged side, disappointing for almost an hour, finally showed their determination to get within a whisker as Everton faded.

LUTON (0) 1
CHARLTON (0) 0
Att: 8,859

GOAL: Luton—Wilson (60): Reid pulled down Wegerle and Wilson sent Bolder the wrong way.
LUTON: Chamberlain 6, Breaker 6, Dreyer 6, Wilson 7, McDonough 6, Beaumont 6, Kennedy 8, *WEGERLE 8, Elstrup 6, Preece 6, Black 6. Sub not used: Harvey, Farrell.
CHARLTON: Bolder 6, Humphrey 6, Reid 6, Peake 7, McLaughlin 8, Pates 6, Lee 6, Williams 6, Jones 7, (sub 76 mins Mackenzie), Walsh 6, *MORTIMER 8. Sub not used: Watson.
Referee: R. Nixon (Wirral) 6.
Match Rating: ***
A penalty sent Charlton to their first defeat of the season when their performance deserved a point. A poor full debut for Luton's Danish international striker Lars Elstrup who obviously needs time to settle in.

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1
QPR (0) 0
Att: 23,420

GOAL: Man City—Allen (43): raced on to pass from Hincliffe and fired in a low shot.
MANCHESTER: Cooper 6, Fleming 7, Hincliffe 7, Bishop 6, Gayle 8, Redmond 7, White 6, Morley 5, *ALLEN 8, McNab 6, Lake 6 (sub 71 mins Brightwell), Sub not used:

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OPR: *SEAMAN 8, Channing 6, Sansom 6, Parker 7, McDonald 6, Spackman 6, Barker 5 (sub 33 mins Stein 6), Reid 7, Clarke 6, Wright 5 (sub 45 mins Maddix 6), Sinton 6.
Referee: G Tyson (Sunderland) 7
Match Rating: ***
City's first win and Rangers first defeat of the season. Not an inspiring performance by the home side

MILLWALL (3) 4 COVENTRY (0) 1

Att: 12,062
GOALS: Millwall — Sheringham (1): header from Thompson to Sheringham who took the ball on and crashed home, Sheringham (13): free kick from Briley and Sheringham's shot was deflected past 'keeper; Anthrobus (44): outjumped Borrowas and headed in; Dawes (90): received ball on the left fired past stand-in Speedie.
GOAL: Coventry — Smith (65): beat two defenders who then watched him beat Horne with a carefully placed shot.
MILLWALL: Horne 7, Stevens 7, Dawes 8, Hurlock 7, Thompson 7, Wood 7, Carter 8, Briley 7.
*SHERINGHAM 8, Cascarino 8, Anthrobus 7. Subs not used: Sparham, McLeary.
COVENTRY: Ogrizovic 6 (sub 45 mins). *MACDONALD 8, Burrows 6, Dobson 6, Emerson 7, Kilcline 6, Peake 7, Gynn 6 (sub 66 mins McGuire 7), Speedie 7, Regis 8, Bannister 7, *SMITH 9.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay).
Match Rating: ****
Two early goals from Sheringham put Millwall in charge and when Steve Ogrizovic injured his shoulder in the 30th minute but stayed on until half-time Coventry's hopes vanished. Millwall go top but replacement 'keeper Speedie was hardly troubled in the second half.

NORWICH (1) 4 SOUTHAMPTON (2) 4

Att: 14,259
GOALS: Norwich — Rosario (27): left foot shot from 30 yards, Sherwood (48): diving far post header following Gordon cross from right wing; Fleck (77): close-range header after Rosario had headed on Cook cross; Rosario (84): close-range volley following another fine Cook cross from the left.
GOALS: Southampton — Rideout (7): classic header following Cause free kick; Wallace, Ray (39): close-range shot after superb run and cross by brother Danny; Wallace, Ray (47): superb individual effort after cutting in from right wing; Rideout (50): fine turn and shot from 20 yards.
NORWICH: Gunn 5, Sherwood (subs 66 mins Cook 6), Bowen 5, Butterworth 5, Sherwood 5, Townsend 6, Gordon 6, Fleck 6, *ROSARIO 8, Crook 6, Phillips 6. Sub not used: Allen.
SOUTHAMPTON: Flowers 5, Wallace, Ray 5, Adams 6, Case 6, Ruddock 6, Moore (sub 59 mins Osman 6) *WALLACE, Rod 8, Cockerill 7, Rideout 7, Horne 6, Wallace, D. 7. Sub not used: Shearer.
Referee: T Ward (London) 8
Match Rating: *****
Southampton dominated the first half with the pace of the Wallace brothers on the wings the key factor. A flurry of goals early in the second half left the 'Saints' holding a comfortable looking 4-2 lead but Norwich, inspired by a fine performance from Robert Rosario, fought back well

Division Two

BARNLEY (1) 1 MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1

Att: 10,535
GOALS: Barnley — Shotton (17): 15-yard drive that went in off the post.
GOAL: Middlesbrough — Burke (82): Easy tap in from close-range following Comfort cross.
BARNLEY: Wardle 7, Shotton 7, Broddie 7, Dobbin 6, Banks 7.
*FUTCHER 8, Lowndes 7, Agnew 7, Cooper 6, Currie 7, Robinson 6. Subs not used: Macdonald, Tiler.
MIDDLESBROUGH: Poole 7, Parkinson 6, Mohan 6, Mowbray 7, Kernaghan 7, Putney 7, (sub 74 mins Burke), Slaven 6, Proctor 6, Ripley 7, (sub 74 mins Davenport), Brennan 5, *COMFORT 8.
Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton) 7
Match Rating: ***
Barnley had to be content to share the points after taking an early lead. Malcolm Shotton put the home side ahead but Middlesbrough scrambled their first away point of the season in the dying minutes.

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 NEWCASTLE (1) 1

Att: 9,111
GOALS: Bournemouth — Moulden (24): Close range effort after good work by defenders Teale and Miller following a corner; Moulden (65): A superb winner leaving the 'keeper helpless with a brilliantly judged lob from Blissett's pass.
GOALS: Newcastle — Quinn (3): A stunning right foot shot from 20 yards from an opening laid on by McGhee — Quinn's eighth goal in four games.
BOURNEMOUTH: Peyton 7, Shearer 6, Morrell 6, Teale 7, Miller 6, Pascock 6, Lawrence 6.
*MOULDEN 8, O'Driscoll 7, Brooks 6, Blissett 6. Subs not used: Barnes, Coleman.
NEWCASTLE: Wright 6, Ranson 6, Stimson 7, Dillon 7, Scott 8, Thorn 6, *GALLACHER 8 (subs 82 mins Kristensen), Sweeney 6 (subs 75 mins Anderson), Quinn 7, McGhee 7, Feraday 6.
Referee: D. Ellery (Harrow) 6
Match Rating: ****
Newcastle looked likely winners with some impressive play in the first half, but Moulden's marksmanship is becoming a menace to all opposing sides and he outscored United's new ace Quinn.

LEEDS (1) 1 IPSWICH (0) 1

Att: 22,972
GOALS: Leeds — Jones (13): Close-range header after Baird had flicked on a corner by Strachan.
GOALS: Ipswich — Fairclough (78): shot by Lowe cleared off line by Whitlow but then rebounded off Fairclough's leg.
LEEDS: Day 7, Sterland 6, Whitlow 7, *JONES 8, Fairclough 6, Haddock 6, Strachan 7, Batty 7, Baird 7, Davidson 6, Hendrie 6 (sub 80 mins Speed) Sub not used: Williams, A.
IPSWICH: Forrest 7, Yallop 6, Thompson 6, Johnson 7, Wood 7, Linighan 8 (sub 78 mins Cheetham), Lowe 7, Dozzell 6, *WARK 9, Humes 6, Milton 6. Sub not used: Donawa.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington) 8.
Match Rating: ***
Leeds should have won with ease but, after dominating for 70 minutes, they allowed Ipswich to equalise and only a superb save by Day prevented the visitors stealing the points in the dying moments.

LEICESTER (1) 1 WEST BROMWICH (2) 3

Att: 10,700
GOALS: Leicester — Reid (30): Superb move sent him clear for easy strike.
GOALS: West Brom — West (32): Near post corner led to scramble, West first to react for scoring header, Whyte (45): City's Hodge, three minutes after saving an Anderson penalty, spoiled the good work by missing two attempted punches and Whyte got the vital touch; Goodman (74): weak back pass by Morgan killed the game by laying on an easy goal.
LEICESTER: Hodge 6, Mauchlen 6, Johnson 6, Ramsey 6, Walsh 6, Morgan 6, *REID 7, Wilkinson 5, (sub 87 mins Kitson 6), Wright 6, McAllister 5, Putnam 6. Sub not used: Paris.
West Brom: Marriott 5, Burgess 6, Parkin 6, Robson 7 (sub 51 mins Talbot 6), Whyte 6, Bradley 6, Ford 6, Goodman 7, West 6, *MCNALLY 8, Anderson 6. Sub not used: Thomas.
Referee: S. Lodge (Barnsley) 5
Sending off: Wright (Leicester) 82 mins
Match Rating: ***
Injury-hit City were on unfamiliar lines but their very familiar defensive problems continue.

OLDHAM (1) 3 PLYMOUTH (0) 2

Att: 4,940
GOALS: Oldham — Palmer (28): cross from Ritchie slotted home by Palmer; Holden, R (54): solo effort from right wing; Ritchie (88): mix-up in defence allowed Ritchie to nip in and score.
GOALS: Plymouth — McCarthy (50): Thomas centred from right wing and McCarthy tapped in at far post, Thomas (71): free-kick into far corner.
OLDHAM: Rhodes 5, Irwin 6, Barlow 6, Henry 6, Barratt 6, Warhurst 6, *PALMER 8, Ritchie 7, Bunn 6, Miligan 6, Holden, R 6. Subs not used: Williams, Donachie.
PLYMOUTH: Willmot 8, Atkins 6, Brimacombe 6, Marker 6, Burrows 6, Smith 6, Hodges 6, McCarthy 6, Tynan 6, Thomas 6, *STEWART 9. Subs not used: Campbell, Bryne.
Referee: A. Wilkie (Chester le Street) 7
Match Rating: ****
Oldham created plenty of chances and should have had victory sewn up before Plymouth almost snatched a point. Rick Holden celebrated his 25th birthday and scored his third goal in five games since his £165,000 move from Watford.

OXFORD (1) 2 BRADFORD (0) 1

Att: 4,027
GOALS: Oxford — Simpson (35): Overhead kick from Foyle knock-down Mustoe (48): ran through after being put clear by Foyle.
GOALS: Bradford — Davies (65): Drove in loose ball after defender blocked Quinn shot.
OXFORD: Judge 7, Smart 7, Phillips, J. 6, Lewis 6, Greenall 6, Slater 6, Penney 7, McClaren 6 (sub 46 mins Mustoe 7), *FOYLE 8, Durnin 6, Simpson 7. Sub not used: Heath.
BRADFORD: Tomlinson 8, Abbott (sub 13 mins Mitchell 7), Tinnion 5, Aizlewood 6, Sinnott 6, Evans 5, Campbell 6, Davies 7, Jewell 6, Quinn 7, Wharton 6 (sub 60 mins Leonard 7).
Referee: G Pooley (Bishop's Stortford) 7
Match Rating: ****
Judge, Smart and substitute Mustoe showed up well in their first senior appearances of the season. Oxford's defence again looked uneasy after Bradford pulled a goal back.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 HULL (0) 2

Att: 8,491
GOALS: Portsmouth — Whittingham (51): shot on the turn gave Whittingham his first league goal; Ball (89): Last-minute equaliser headed in from Sanford's cross.
GOALS: Hull — Swan (56): Unmarked at the corner to head home; Swan (78): eighteen-yard drive after a cross from Roberts.
PORTSMOUTH: Knight 7, Hogg 5, Maguire 6, Fillery 6, Sandford 7, Ball 7, Wigley 4, Chamberlain 4 (sub 73 mins Kuhl), Kelly 4 (sub 45 mins Whittingham 8), *CONNOR 9, Black 6.
HULL: Kelly 7, Jenkinson 7, Jacobs 7, SWAN 8, Terry 6, Johnson 5, Askew 7, Roberts 6, McParland 6, Edwards 5 (sub 57 mins Brown 6), Doyle 6. Sub not used: De Mange.
Referee: B Stevens (Stonehouse) 7.
Match Rating: ***
Kevin Ball smashed a last-minute equaliser to give Portsmouth a point and deny Hull their first win of the season after two fine goals from Peter Swan. Guy Whittingham, a former soldier, injected pace into Portsmouth's front line and fully deserved his first League goal.

PORT VALE (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 0

Att: 7,601
PORT VALE: Grew 6, Webb 7, Hughes 7, Mills 6, Apin 7, Glover 7, *PORTER 6, Earle 6, Fitcher 6 (sub 72 mins Beckford), Cross 6, Jeffers 7. Sub not used: Miller.
BLACKBURN: Gennoe 7, Atkins 6, Sully 6, Reid 6, Hill 7, May 6, Gale 5 (sub 72 mins Kennedy), Millar 6, Stapleton 5, *GARNER 6, Sellers 6. Sub not used: Dawson.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Abingdon) 6.
Match Rating: **
Blackburn will win few friends if they play like this every week, although it is certainly effective and they are still unbeaten

SHEFFIELD UTD (3) 5 BRIGHTON (1) 4

Att: 12,600
GOALS: Sheff. Utd — Booker (9): right foot volley from eight yards; Deane (14): deflected Bryson cross home; Francis (31): slotted in at near post; Bryson (76): penalty after Keesley brought down Francis; Francis (89): stunning diving header.
GOALS: Brighton — Wood (33): ten-yard snap-shot; Bremner (48): splendid header from close-in; Bremner (64): bundled a parried shot over the line; Wood (68): low right-foot effort from 10 yards.
SHEFF. UTD: Tracey 6, Hill 6, Barnes 6, Booker 7, Standish 7, Morris 7, Roberts 7, Gannon 7, *FRANCIS 9, Deane 8, Bryson 8. Subs not used: Whitehouse, Bradshaw.
BRIGHTON: Keesley 7, Chilvers 6, Chapman 6, Curbishley 6 (sub 84 mins Lambert), Bissett 6, Gatting 7, Nelson 6, Wood 8, *BREMNER 9, Codner 7, Wilkins 7. Sub not used: Crumplin.
Referee: M. Peck (Kendal) 7
Match Rating: ****
A goal-glut delighted the fans but showed up United's suspect defence, brilliantly exploited by Brighton in a dazzling second-half fightback.

SUNDERLAND (3) 4 WATFORD (0) 0

Att: 15,042
GOALS: Sunderland — Armstrong (8): Cotton brilliantly saved Armstrong's header but was unable to prevent Armstrong from scoring rebound; Gabbiadini (39): thundering drive from edge of area; Gabbiadini (44): powerful drive from edge of penalty area after holding

off two defenders; Gabbiadini (70): beat Roeder in the air to complete his second hat-trick for the club and score his 50th goal since move from York two years ago.
SUNDERLAND: Carter 7, Agboola 7, Hardyman 7, Bennett 8, MacPhail 7, Owers 8, Bracewell 8, Armstrong 8, Gates 7, *GABBIADINI 9, Pascoe 8 (sub 81 mins Cullen). Sub not used: Hauser.
WATFORD: Cotton 6, Gibbs 6, Jackett 7, Richardson 6, Holdsworth, David 6, Roeder 5, Thomas 5, Wilkinson 6, Thompson 6 (sub 58 mins Holdsworth, Dean 8). *PORTER 8, Redfern 6 (sub 58 mins Falconer 6).
Referee: N. Midgley (Bolton) 8.
Match Rating: ****
Sunderland made a mockery of Watford's unbeaten record with a devastating first-half performance and England Under-21 international Marco Gabbiadini grabbed a fabulous hat-trick to enhance his growing reputation

WEST HAM (1) 1 SWINDON (0) 1

Att: 21,469
GOALS: West Ham — Allen (16): crashed home Ward's by-line cross from 12 yards.
GOALS: Swindon — Gittens (53): netted from close-range after MacLaren's 20-yard shot took a deflection.
WEST HAM: Parkes 7, Potts 6, Dicks 7, Gale 6, Martin 7, *KEEN 8, Ward 7, Kelly 7 (sub 66 mins Dolan 8), Allen 7, Brady 7 (sub 61 mins Devonshire 6), Parris 6.
SWINDON: *DIGBY 8, Bernard 6, King 6, McLoughlin 6, Calderwood 7, Gittens 7, Jones 6, Close 7, White 7, MacLaren 6, Galvin 5 (sub 88 mins Cornwell 6). Sub not used: Hunt.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham) 6.
Match Rating: ***
West Ham dominated the first half and only the heroics of Digby prevented them from leading by more than one. In a bruising second-half, Swindon fought back and Gittens' soft equaliser knocked 'Hammers' off the top of the table.

WOLVES (0) 0 STOKE (0) 0

Att: 15,659
WOLVES: *LANGE 9, Chard (sub 10 mins Paskin 6), Venus 6, Robertson 7, Westley 6, Vaughan 7, Thompson 6, Gooding 5, Bull 7, Mutch 6, Dennison 6. Sub not used: Bellamy.
STOKE: Fox 7, Butler 6, Statham 7, Kamara 6, Cranston 7, Beeston 6, Hackett 6, Scott (sub 2 mins Warr 6), Bamber 7, Biggins 5, Beagrie 8. Sub not used: Morgan.
Referee: P. Don (Hanworth Park) 5.
Match Rating: ***
A case of missed chances with a mixture of poor finishing and great goalkeeping by Tony Lange of Wolves. His best effort was a full-length penalty save from Statham.

Division Three

BOLTON (0) 1 BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 5,913
GOALS: Bolton — Reeves (75): superbly taken opportunist goal shooting on the turn to beat Martyn at close range.
BOLTON: Rose 6, Brown 7, Cowdrill 7, Savage 7, *CROMBIE 8, Winstanley 6, Storer 6, Thompson 6, Reeves 6 (sub 85 mins Jeffrey), Philliskirk 7, Darby 6. Sub not used: Henshaw.
BRISTOL ROVERS: Martyn 7, Alexander 6, Twentymann 6, Yates 6, Mehaw 6, Jones 6, *HOLLOWAY 7, Reece 6, White 6, Penrice 4 (sub 78

mins Nixon), Willmott 6. Sub not used: Cawley.
Referee: K Barratt (Coventry) 6.
Match Rating: ***
Bolton broke a 55 year club record going 20 league games without defeat. They deserved the points on the strength of their second-half performance against a Rovers side which travelled to the North-West with a 100 per cent league record.

BRENTFORD (0) 0 BURY (1) 1

Att: 5,010
GOALS: Bury — Cunningham (18): took advantage of misunderstanding in home defence and had time to spare to slip home Gill's pass.
BRENTFORD: Parks 6, Buttigieg 6, Stanislaus 6, Millen 5, Evans 6, Ratcliffe 6, Jones 6, May 7, Cadette 6 (sub 69 mins Godfrey 6), Blissett 6, *SMILLIE 8. Sub not used: Bates.
BURY: Farnworth 6, Hill 7, Withe 8, Hoyland 5, Valentine 6, Knill 7, Lee 7, *ROBINSON 8, Cunningham 7, McIlroy 6 (sub 59 mins Feeley 6), Bishop 6 (sub 68 mins Clements 6).
Referee: E Pierce (Drayton) 5.
Match Rating: ***
Brentford's poor League start continued in their fourth game without a win. To add to their misery three 'Bees' were booked

BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 BLACKPOOL (0) 0

Att: 7,172
GOALS: Bristol City — Wimbleton (50): penalty after Colin Methven crashed into Bob Taylor as he chased a cross, Newman (65): Newman won a near-post ball from City's tenth corner.
BRISTOL CITY: Leaning 7, Llewellyn 6, Bromage 7, Wimbleton 7, *PENDER 8, Rennie 7, Shelton 8 (sub 69 mins Gavin 6), Newman 7, Taylor 6, Smith 7, Turner 6. Sub not used: Mardon.
BLACKPOOL: McIlhargey 7, *BURGESS 8, Morgan 7, Gore 6, Briggs 7, Methven 7, Wright 6, Thompson 5, Garner 6, Matthews 6, Bradshaw 7 (sub 45 mins Elliott 7). Sub not used: Madden.
Referee: R Bigger (Croydon) 7.
Match Rating: **
Blackpool will win few friends if they continue with this defensive policy, but Bristol's heavy summer spending is starting to pay off.

CREWE (2) 1 FULHAM (0) 3

Att: 1,301
GOALS: Crewe — Sussex (58): capitalised on mistake in defence and lobbed 'keeper; Clayton (82): left foot snapshot from eight-yards after good work by Sussex.
GOALS: Fulham — Walker (51): low drive under 'keeper after lucky ricochet put him clear; Sayer (59): carbon copy of Crewe's first and Stannard (87): booming drop kick taken on the bounce and sailed over hapless 'keeper Rees into the net.
Crewe: Rees 5, Swain 5, Edward 6, Callaghan 5, Ryson 6, *CLAYDON 7, Jasper 6, Murphy 6 (sub 69 mins Cutler 6), Sussex 6, Gardiner 6, Walter 5. Sub not used: Smart.
Fulham: *STANNARD 9, Mauge 6 (sub 68 mins Eibhardt 5), Thomas 5, Skinner 6, Nobbing 6, Marshall 6, Barnett 7, Scott 6, Watson 6 (sub 75 mins Bremner), Sayer 8, Walker 8.
Referee: H. Thomas (Fulham) 75.
Match Rating: ****
A quite bizarre end to an incredible second half. After the Thomas dismissal, 'keeper Jim Stannard put on a one-man show, not only hitting the winner but denying Crewe with a string of saves in the dying seconds.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 CARDIFF CITY (0) 0

Att: 2,766
GOALS: Mansfield — Charles (47): poor back pass by Rodgerson let in Charles, who clinically beat the otherwise impregnable Woods.
MANSFIELD: Cox 6, McKernon 7, Prindiville 6, Hunt 7, Foster 6, Coleman 6, Hathaway 7, Stringfellow 6, Christie 7, *CHARLES 8, Kearney 7. Subs not used: Worthy, McDonald.
CARDIFF: *WOOD 9, Rodgerson 6, Daniel 7, Lynex 7, Abraham 6, Perry 7, Curtis 7, Morgan 6 (sub 78 mins Fry), Gilligan 6, Kelly 6, Love 6 (sub 53 mins Sendall 6).
Referee: I Hendrick (Preston) 7.
Match Rating: ***
Mansfield secured their first home win this season and Cardiff's new manager Ian Ashurst started his reign with a defeat. City's Jimmy Gilligan squandered three clear chances to earn the Welshmen their first win of the season, while 'keeper George Wood performed heroics to deny Mansfield a goal spree.

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0 READING (0) 0

Att: 4,697
GOALS: NOTTS COUNTY: Cherry 7, PALMER 8, Platnauer 8, Short 6, Yates 7, Robinson 5, Draper 6, Turner 6, Kavan 5, Stant 6, Johnson 6. Subs not used: Lund, McStay.
READING: *FRANCIS 9, Williams 6, Richardson 7, Beavon 7, Hicks 7, Wood 6, Jones 6, Taylor 8, Senior 6, Gilkes 6, Conroy 6 (sub 74 mins Leworthy), (Sub not used: Bashir.)
REFEREE: S. Bell (Huddersfield) 8.
Match Rating: ***
County were denied a victory by Reading keeper Steve Francis. The former Chelsea man pulled off a sixth minute penalty save to deny Phil Stant, just one of a series of fine stops.

PRESTON (1) 3 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 3

Att: 5,822
GOALS: Preston — Bogle (39): A direct free kick swerved around the wall; Swann (62): a great run from midfield and a shot that crept in at the far post; Mooney (73): went past two defenders and shot home.
GOALS: Huddersfield — Smith (65): a mistake by Williams allowed Smith to score from close-range; Hutchings (85): thirty-yard shot into the bottom right hand corner; Wilson (90): close range header after a scramble.
GOALS: Kelly 6, Williams 6, Swann 6, Wrighton 6, Scully 7, Hughes 6, MOONEY 8, Ellis 6 (sub 60 mins Rathbone 6), Joyce 6, Shaw 6, Bogle 7. Sub not used: Atkins.
HUDDERSFIELD: Hardwick 6, Trevitt 6, Hutchings 7, May 6, O'Doherty 6, Lewis 6, O'Regan 6 (sub 22 mins Mitchell 6), *WILSON 8, Cecare 7, Maskell 6 (sub 68 mins Onuora 7), Smith 7.
Referee: I Cruikshanks (Hartlepool) 7.
Match Rating: ****
Preston's first point should have been three, as they threw away a good lead in the last five minutes. Nineteen-year-old Arsenal defender Pat Scully made his loan debut, for Preston.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 BIRMINGHAM (0) 0:

Att: 4,714
GOALS: Shrewsbury — Naughton (39): penalty after handball by Sproson, McGinlay (78): accepted a through pass from Kelly and drove under Thomas.
Shrewsbury: Perks 6, Green 7, Pittman 6, Kelly 8, Pratley 7, Moyes 7, Brown 6, *BELL 9, Kasula 7, McGinlay 6, Naughton 8. Subs not used: Finley, Priest.

BIRMINGHAM: Thomas 8, Ashby 6, Mathewson 6, Atkins 6, Sproson 6, *OVERSON 7, Pear 6 (sub 66 mins Clarkson 6), Bailey 6, Yates 6 (sub 66 mins Tait 6), Gleghorn 6, Hughes 6.
Referee: T. Lunt (Ashton-in-Makerfield) 8.
Match Rating: ****
Shrewsbury go top of the table after a comprehensive defeat of big spending 'Brum'

SWANSEA (2) 2 CHESTER (0)

Att: 2,738
GOALS: Swansea — Raynor (38): blockbuster by Robbie James was palmed to the feet of Raynor who hammered it in, Raynor (40): A fought curling cross by John Salako was touched away by Stewart into the path of Raynor who leapt to head a fine goal.
GOALS: Chester — Newhouse (71): a shrewd pass by David Pugh caused panic in the Swansea defense. Newhouse slipped in and fired a right foot shot that gave Bracey no chance.
Swansea: Bracey 7, Hough 6, Coleman 7, Melville 7, Boyle 7, James 7, Cobb 6 (sub 73 mins Legg), D'Auria 7, Hutchinson 7, Salsko 7, *RAYNOR 8. Sub not used: Phillips.
Chester: Stewart 5, Reeves 7, Woodthorpe 7, Abel 7, Lightfoot 6 (sub 60 mins Hinnigan 7), Lane 7, Butler 7, Pugh 7, *NEWHOUSE 8, Dale 7, Croft 7. Sub not used: Wynne.
Referee: G Ashby (Worcester) 7.
Match Rating: ***
Swansea put away only two of many chances and were struggling to hang on at the end

TRANMERE (1) 2 ROTHERHAM (1) 1

Att: 4,912
GOALS: TRANMERE — Malkin (11): Applied the finishing touch after Ian Muir's shot was partially saved by Keir O'Hanlon; Fairclough (85): A looping header after a cross from Tony Thomas had been headed out.
GOALS: Rotherham — Barnsley (22): headed home from a corner for his first goal for the club.
Tranmere: Nixon 7, Higgins 7, McCarrick 6, Bishop 6, *HUGHES 9, Vickers 7, Morrissey 6 (sub 74 mins Fairclough), Harvey 6, Malkin 6, Muir 6, Thomas 7. Sub not used: Martindale.
Rotherham: O'Hanlon 7, Russell 7, Barnsley 7, Goodwin 6, Johnson 6, Robinson 7, Buckley 6, *DEMPSEY 8, Williamson 6, Mendonca 6 (sub 60 mins Haycock 6), Hazel 7. Sub not used: Pepper.
Referee: G Singh (Wolverhampton) 7.
Match Rating: ****
Super-sub David Fairclough got his first goal for Tranmere after joining the action with just 18 minutes left. A thrilling encounter between promoted sides with a first defeat for Rotherham

WALSALL (1) 1 LEYTON ORIENT (1) 3

Att: 3,894
GOALS: Walsall — Rimmer (5): Moore free kick knocked on by Forbes and Rimmer scored from close range.
GOALS: Leyton Orient — Castle (18): headed home Harvey's pinpoint cross; Castle (16): a downward header after being picked out in the box by Hull; Harvey (73): Hull hit the bar and Harvey fired home the rebound.
WALSALL: Green 6, Gritt 5, Mower 6, Goodwin 5, Forbes 5, Skipper 5, Pritchard 6 (sub 66 mins Hawker 8), *RIMMER 7, Saville 5, Kelly 5, Thorpe 5. Sub not used: Bertschin.
LEYTON ORIENT: Heald 7, Baker 7, Dickenson 7, Day 6, Sitton 7, Harrod

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7, Hales 7, Castle 8 (sub 80 mins Pike), *HARVEY 9, Cooper 7 (sub 60 mins Hull 7), Carter 8.
Referee: J. Deakin (Llantwit Major) 8.

Match rating: ***
 Orient's sparkling attacking football left Walsall flat-footed and lifted the Londoners into the top half of the table. Walsall manager John Barnwell, who spent heavily during the summer, must go back to the drawing board.

WIGAN (0) 0 NORTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 2,459
WIGAN: Adkins 7, Senior 6, Tankard 6, Rimmer 8, Atherton 7, Beesley 6, *THOMPSON 9, Parkinson 6, Hilditch 6, Page 5 (sub 70 mins Carberry 6), Griffiths 8. Sub not used: Johnson.
NORTHAMPTON: Gleasure 8, Sanderman 6, Wilson 7, Thomas 6, *WILCOX 9, McPherson 7, Quow 7, Collins 6, (sub 79 mins Culpin), Donald 5, Adcock 6, Barry 6. Sub not used: Williams.
Referee: J. Watson (Whitley Bay) 6
Match Rating: ***
 Wigan confirmed their ability as draw-specialists with their third successive stalemate. The home side were in charge for long periods but failed to make the most of their chances against a strong defence.



ALDERSHOT (0) 0 SOUTHEND (2) 5

Att: 2,255
GOALS: Southend — Bennett (12): long throw from Roberts opened up the defence. Brown (16): own goal deflected past 'keeper after attempted interception. Crown (63): finished off more with Walsh, Brown (71): Walsh again created opening, Smith (90): another own goal — looping header over 'keeper. Colles.
ALDERSHOT: Coles 6, Brow 4 (sub 63 mins Clardige 5), Phillips 5, Coyne 5, Smith 5, Wignall 6 (sub 48 mins Burrill 5), Williams 2, Puckett 5, Banton 5, Henry 5, Stewart 5.
SOUTHEND: Sansome 6, Dixon 6, Roberts 6, Martyn 6, Prior 6, Ling 6, Cook 6, Butler 6, *CROWN 8, Walsh 7, Bennett 7. Sub not used: Brush, McDonough.
Referee: A. Smith, (Birmingham) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Two own goals left sorry Aldershot without a league win and kept unbeaten Southend riding high in the table.

BURNLEY (1) 1 EXETER (0) 0

Att: 5,443
GOAL: Burnley — White (44): a hotly-disputed penalty awarded for a challenge by Whitehead on Mumby.
BURNLEY: Pearce 7, Measham 5, *MORNINGTON 8, Harris 7, Deakin 6, White 6, Deary 6, Grewcock 5, Jakub 6, Hancock 7, Mumby 7. Subs not used: O'Connell, Davis.
EXETER: Walter 6, Hiley 6, Rodgers 6, Taylor 7, Vinnicombe 8, McDermott 7, Whitehead 6, *BAILEY 9, Dryden 6, Rowbotham 7 (sub 65 mins Richards), Neville 6. Sub not used: Benjamin.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn) 5.
Match Rating: ***
 A pity City's unbeaten run should end in such fashion. Both 'keepers were in superb form otherwise it could have been a goal feast.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 CHESTERFIELD (0) 1

Att: 2,215
GOALS: Chesterfield —

Leadbitter (58): own goal headed neatly under bar from corner when under no pressure.
CAMBRIDGE: *VAUGHN 8, Baile 7, Kimble 7, O'Shea 6, Chapple 6, Smith 6, Dennis 5 (sub 60 mins Robinson 6), Leadbitter 6, Dublin 6, Taylor 6, Philpotts 6 (sub 80 mins Ryan 6).
CHESTERFIELD: Leonard 7, Gunn 6, Ryan 7, *ARNOTT 8, Brian 6, Hart 7, Plumma 7 (sub 78 mins Bloomer), Hewitt 6, Waller 7, Thompson 7, Norris 7. Sub not used: Ralph.
Referee: T. West (Hull) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Cambridge never looked like scoring and in the end Chesterfield could have had three or four.

CARLISLE (0) 1 GRIMSBY (0) 1

Att: 3,360
GOAL: Carlisle — Fyfe (88): Keith Walwyn flicked a ball out to the right where Hetherington chipped into the box for Fyfe to head into the roof of the net.
GOAL: Grimsby — Childs (48): a 25-yard drive after a cross was only half cleared. Shot helped in by wicked deflection.
CARLISLE: McKellar 7, Graham 6, Dalziel 7, Saddington 7, Ogley 6 (sub 61 mins Hetherington 6), Fitzpatrick 7, Walsh 6, Gorman 6, Walwyn 7 (sub 77 mins Fyfe), Proudlock 7, *HALPIN 8.
GRIMSBY: Rees 7, McDermott 7, Agnew 7, Tillson 7, *LEVER 9, Cunningham 8, Childs 8, Gilbert 8, Rees 7, Cockerill 7, Birles 6 (sub 80 mins Alexander). Sub not used: Watson.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Super-sub Tony Fyfe saved Carlisle once again — two weeks ago he scored two after coming off the bench.

DONCASTER (0) 0 PETERBOROUGH (1) 3

Att: 2,327
GOALS: Peterborough — Luke (45): right wing cross misjudged by 'keeper. Richards (69): looked off-side after latching onto Halseall's long pass but rounded Samways to score. Halseall (77): left-foot shot from 15 yards after Richards and Luke had opened up the defence.
DONCASTER: Samways 5, Cusack 6, Brevitt 6, *DOUGLAS 8, Ashurst 6, Raffell 7, Robinson 6, Stiles 6, Turnbull 7, Rankine 5, Sumner 5 (sub 45 mins Gaughan 7). Sub not used: Jones.
PETERBOROUGH: Crichton 7, Luke 7, Crosby 6, *HALLSALL 8, Robinson 5, Oakes 7, Sterling 6, Graham 7, Richards 7, Longhurst 6, Goldsmith 6 (sub 73 mins Butterworth). Sub not used: McElhinney.
Referee: K. Lupton (Stockton) 5.
Match Rating: ***
 A poor display by Doncaster, who have yet to win, but a great start for Peterborough's new boss Mark Lawrenson. United grew in confidence after Luke's gift goal and Rovers never looked like getting back.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 GILLINGHAM (0) 2

Att: 1,600
GOAL: Hartlepool — Dalton (41): great right wing run and an even better finish.
GOALS: Gillingham — Palmer (76): right foot volley after defence failed to clear long throw; Heritage (82): classic header after great run and cross by Eeles.
HARTLEPOOL: Dearden 5, Plaskett 5, McKinnon 6, Tinkler 6, *MC EWAN 7, Barras 6, Allon 6, Nobbs 5, Baker 5, Entwistle 5 (sub 78 mins Atkinson), Dalton 6. Sub not used: Davies.

GILLINGHAM: Hillyard 7, *HAYLOCK 8, Johnson 6, Haines 6, Walker 7, Palmer 7, Trusson 6, Eeles 6, Gavin 7 (sub 67 mins Heritage 6), Lovell 7, Manuel 6. Sub not used: Pearson.
Referee: C. Trussell (Liverpool) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Hartlepool broke their season's duck as they dominated the opening half, but Gillingham took control to win easily, though veteran 'keeper Ron Hillyard needed to save a last-minute penalty.

MAIDSTONE (0) 0 STOCKPORT (1) 1

Att: 2,000
GOAL: Stockport — Logan (26): Curled home a 25 yard free kick with his left foot.
MAIDSTONE: *BEENEY 8, Elsey 6, Cooper 7, Pamphlett 6, Golley 7, Pearce 7, Charley 6 (sub 81 mins Barton), Galliers 6, Sorrell 6, Butler 6, Gall 7. Sub not used: Stebbing.
STOCKPORT: Siddall 7, *BROWN 8, Logan 7, Matthews 7, Williams 6, Thorpe 7, McInerney 6, Payne 6, Oghani 7, Cooke 7, Angell 6 (sub 88 mins Caldwell 6). Sub not used: Bullock.
Referee: M. Bailey (Impington) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Stockport are unbeaten in eight games this season and if they maintain their workmanlike approach it can be extended. Maidstone need to take their chances — Butler missed from the spot — and Stockport later saw Williams' spot kick saved.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 SCARBOROUGH (1) 1

Att: 3,330
GOAL: Scarborough — Russell (44): a penalty after Longden handled.
SCUNTHORPE: Musselwhite 6, Smalley 7, Longden 7, Taylor 7, Nicol 7, Tucker 6, *HODKINSON 8, Hamilton 6, Daws 7, Flounders 6, Marshall 6. Subs not used: Butler, Knight.
SCARBOROUGH: Blackwell 7, Kamara 7, Clarke 6, Short 6, Richards 7, Bennyworth 7, Saunders 6 (sub 87 mins Olsson), Graham 7, Dobson 6 (sub 87 mins Norris), Brook 6, *RUSSELL 8.
Referee: P. Wright (Northwich) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Scunthorpe attacked early but had little luck against Boro 'keeper Blackwell. The home side continued to struggle against confident Scarborough who have never been beaten by Scunthorpe.

TORQUAY (0) 0 LINCOLN (3) 3

Att: 2,081
GOALS: Lincoln — Brown (3): point-blank header from long throw by Casey; Sertori (10): beat off-side trap from through ball by Carmichael, low shot to finish; Sertori (43): seized on mistake by Uzzell — and produced a 45-yard run.
TORQUAY: Vaysey 6, Holmes 7, Hay 5, Matthews 5 (sub 55 mins Joyce 5), Elliott 6, Uzzell 6, *TAYLOR 8, Lloyd 6 (sub 45 mins Davies 5), Munde 6, Miller 5, Loran 6.
LINCOLN: Gorton 8, Casey 8, Clarke 7, Schofield 7, Thompson 8, Brown 7, Groves 7, Brassington 8, *SERTORI 9, Carmichael 7, Cumming 7. Subs not used: Waitt, Davies.
Referee: J. Carter (Bournemouth) 8.
Match Rating: ***
 Lincoln never looked back after two goals in the first 10 minutes, eager finishing punishing defensive mistakes by ragged Torquay, who suffered their fifth successive defeat despite three debutants.

WREXHAM (1) 2 HALIFAX (0) 1

Att: 1,700
GOALS: Wrexham — Worthington (42): a 20-yard lob over 'keeper Phil Whitehead after good tackle by Joey Jones; Worthington (80): neat 10-yard shot from Nigel Beaumont free kick.
GOAL: Halifax — Hall (53): finished off four-man move with shot at far post.
WREXHAM: O'Keefe 6, Thackeray 6, Wright 6, Hunter 6, Beaumont 7, *JONES 8, Preece 7, Flynn 6, Buxton 5 (sub 63 mins Kearns 5), Worthington 7, Cooper 5. Sub not used: Owen.
HALIFAX: Whitehead 6, Barr 6, Cook 7, *BUTLER 8, Bramhall 6, Horner 7, Martin 7, Watson 6, Matthews 6, Juryeff 6, Hall 7. Subs not used: McPhillips, Richardson.
Referee: I. Hemley (Amphill) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Gary Worthington repaid a slice of his £17,000 close-season fee from Darlington with two good goals in Wrexham's first home win of the season and Halifax's first League defeat.

YORK (1) 1 ROCHDALE (0) 0

Att: 2,260
GOAL: York — Spooner (31): Scored from a twice taken penalty after Rochdale 'keeper Welch moved too early to save the first.
YORK: Marples 6, Barratt 5, Kelly 6, Reid 6 (sub 46 mins Hall 5), *Tutill 7, Warburton 6, Howlett 6, Spooner 6, Helliwell 6, Colville 6, Dixon 5. Sub not used: Greenough.
ROCHDALE: Welch 6, Goodison 6, Chapman 6 (sub 81 mins O'Shaughnessy), Brown 6, Cole 6, *WARD 8, Ainscow 7, Holmes 6, Whellans 6, Burns 7, Stonehouse 6. Sub not used: Hasford.
Referee: R. Pawley (Cambridge) 6.
Match Rating: ***
 Scrappy affair in which York were lucky to gain three points from their twice taken penalty.



BOSTON (0) 0 YEovil (0) 1

Att: 1,409
CHELTENHAM (1) 1 (Nuttall 7)
BARROW (0) 0
Att: 1,502

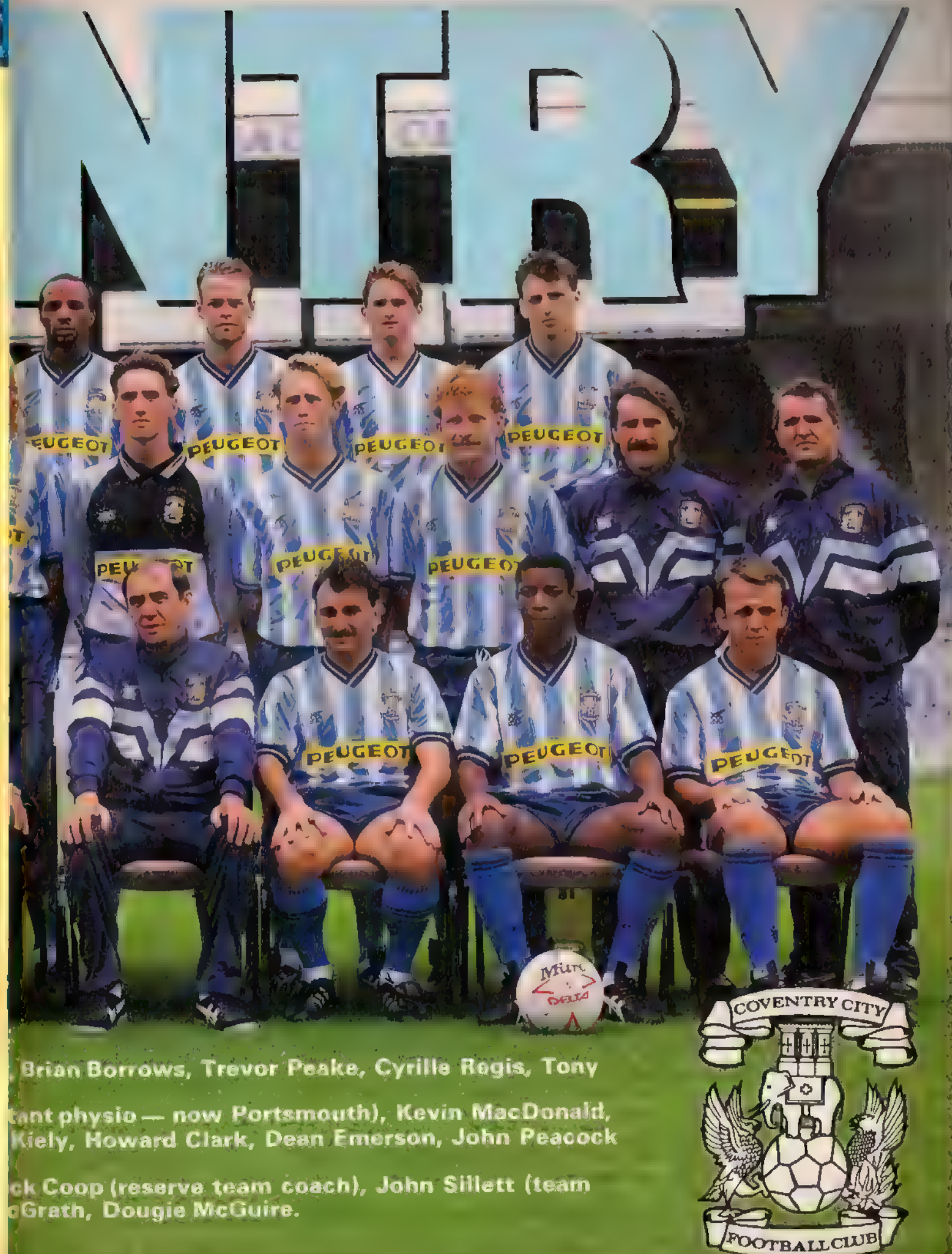
CHORLEY (1) 4 WELLING (0) 0

Att: 634
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Corner 44)
TELFORD (1) 1 (McKenna 30)
Att: 3,010

ENFIELD (1) 3 RUNCORN (1) 2

Att: 606
KETERING (2) 3 (Cooke 33, 65, Collins 45)
ALTRINCHAM (0) 0
Att: 2,135

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BACK ROW (left to right): Carlton Palmer, Chris Turner, Dalian Atkinson, Ken
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BIG summer signings like Lineker, Whiteside, and Allen may have taken all the limelight but the best buy has surely been Liverpool's capture of Glenn Hysen. He is such a class defender and Manchester United must be kicking themselves for allowing him to slip through their fingers. Chris Littler, Southport, Merseyside.
● OUR reports indicate you may be right!

Gary Lineker — summer signing.

HAVING seen that money man Michael Knighton spend all that cash on Manchester United, I've come to the conclusion 'it's not fair'. If each club had the same amount of money the game would become more even — you would have to fight to be a winner, not just sail through easily. Forty million pounds is the amount Man Utd will have to improve their chance of winning the league and the cups — all the other clubs probably haven't got half of that money. Simon Mumby, Grimsby, Humberside.
● HEAR, hear!



NO NEED FOR INCE

IS Paul Ince really needed at Old Trafford? Alex Ferguson has recently bought two brilliant midfielders in Webb and Phelan, and with Robson already in their centre, surely Ince would be surplus to requirements? He may be a very promising player, but unless Robson or Phelan moves into the back four he would be spending

most of his time on the bench, and since Pallister has joined the team, the defence seems to balance very well. So I think it is just as well Ince's injury was found out before Ferguson went overboard to sign the West Ham player. C Ackling, Swindon, Wilts.
● I WONDER if Paul would agree with you?

I BELIEVE Liverpool are making a big mistake in persisting with Ian Rush at the expense of John Aldridge. Kenny Dalglish should play Aldridge up front alongside Peter Beardsley because Rush has not been the same player since he went to Italy. I'm sure that, given the chance, Aldridge could once again finish as Division One's leading scorer — not to mention being a great help to Eire as they bid to get to the World Cup Finals. Richard Hayes, Radstock, Bath.
● YOU try telling Kenny that!

I LIVE in Poland. I'm collecting metal badges, pennants, club scarves and photos. I'm hoping you will publish my address in your magazine, so I can correspond with collectors from England and am interested in souvenirs from Italian, French, Spanish, Dutch, German and Belgian football. I have exchange souvenirs of football from Poland and socialist countries. Krzysztof Chatlinski, Jasna 23/5, 70-783 Szczecin, Poland.
● GET collecting!

ARSENAL haven't a hope in hell of retaining the league championship. They have brought in only one new player. Though he is experienced, he will not make much difference. The youngsters, pardon me, David O'Leary, will find this the trial season. I think Arsenal should concentrate more on the cups than the League this season, while Spurs and Man Utd will be serious title contenders. But I think Glenn Hysen will make Fergie want to weep when he helps himself and Liverpool take a league and cup double. Tomo Thompson, Halewood, Liverpool.
● DON't be so sure!



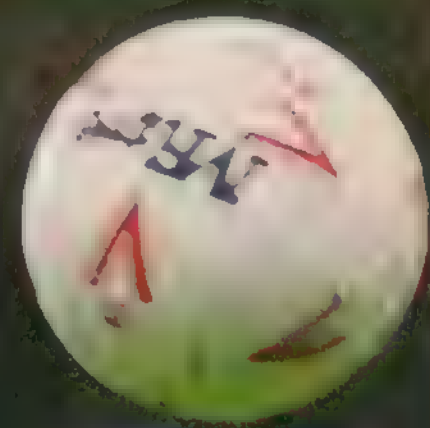
WHY does everyone connected with English football continually moan about the 'mass exodus' of our players to the foreign lands. Surely if a player wishes to further his career by seeking a new challenge (and a nice little earner) he should be allowed to do so. And instead of complaining, the selling club should go out and spend the cash received on some equally exciting foreign talent. After all soccer fans aren't bothered what nationality their heroes are as long as they are a success. So the message to all soccer bosses is STOP MOANING AND BEAT THEM AT THEIR OWN GAME. Darren Taylor, Fenham, Newcastle Upon Tyne.
● BUT soon there won't be any decent players left in Britain.

SHEFFIELD Wednesday boss Ron Atkinson has got to be dreaming if he thinks striker David Reeves is worth £250,000. Reeves has recently joined Third Division Bolton but the price is still to be decided by a tribunal. But if Reeves has played only 20 league games in his career which have been in the Fourth Division, how can he be worth £250,000? Reeves played for Burnley and Scunthorpe and scored just 10 goals. These days the prices of players is getting ridiculous, for example Portsmouth wanted over £1 million for Mickey Quinn. For prices like this players surely must have to prove it by scoring in the top flight. Bryce Hutchinson, Bolton, Lancs.
● TAKE your point.

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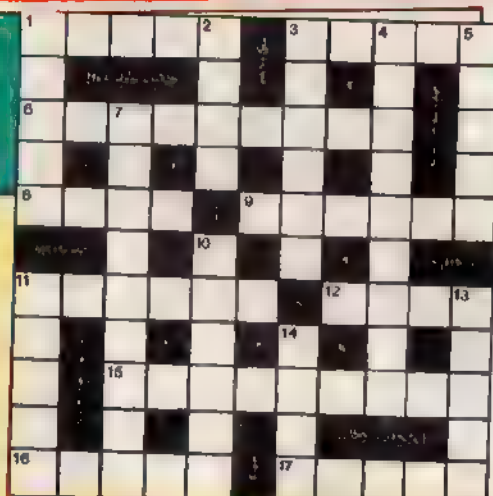
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ACROSS

1. Ex-Cardiff defender, Phil, who won 10 Welsh caps between '78 and '80 (5)
3. Defenders (5)
6. Southampton goalscorer born in Guernsey (2,7)
8. Number of League titles won by the Gunners (4)
9. Dutch custodian at Plough Lane (6)
11. Manchester United midfielder star recruited from Norwich City (6)
12. Non League side sharing its ground with Bristol Rovers (4)
15. Scottish town from which non-League Caledonian hail (9)
16. Alex Ferguson's immediate predecessor as Scotland's boss (5)
17. Arsenal full-back recruited from Stoke City (5)



DOWN

1. Ex Bradford City manager now in charge at Rochdale (5)
2. Welshman who bagged a double in the 1989 F.A. Cup Final (4)
3. Ex-Wimbledon and Aldershot midfielder - a cornerstone of Millwall's recent success (6)
4. Napoli and Italy striker who partners Maradona and Careca (9)
5. Club managed by Terry Venables (5)
7. Colour of Blackpool's strip (9)
10. Sheffield Wednesday's Irish winger who moved on to Swindon Town (6)
11. City in which St Germain plays its home matches (5)
13. Swede who joined Liverpool from Fiorentina (5)
14. Forename of Ex Everton and Walsall 'keeper, Barber (4)

HIT LIST

SOUND out Emmett Mullaney's Top Ten football hit list.

1. Numero Uno — Gary Lineker
2. Too Much — Waddle's transfer fee to Marseille
3. Nothing Can Divide Us — Charlton and the First Division
4. Rocketman — Dean Saunders penalty against Man Utd
5. Help! — Sheff Wed at the bottom of the table
6. Ride on Time — Michael Thomas' goal in the League championship clincher.
7. Warning — Tony Cottee to Colin Harvey
8. You're History — Napoli to Diego Maradona
9. We Rule — Arsenal and Liverpool
10. Crash — Rangers

"THIS afternoon, Colin Moynihan was seen limping into the House of Commons. Asked if he was a little stiff from rowing, he replied that he was in fact from Lewisham East!" — 'Just Another Wednesday', Sheffield Wednesday fanzine.

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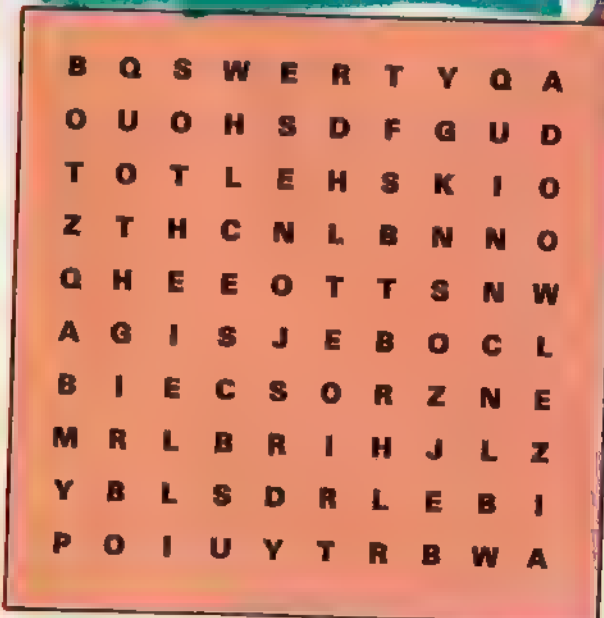
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SECONDS IN COMMAND

STUDY the wordsearch (below) and see if you can find six Second Division stars: QUINN, AIZELWOOD, BLISSETT, SHELTON, JONES, BRIGHT



Michael Thomas — split — Second tiring.

TO HELL AND BACK!

HARTLEPOOL unknown Paul Dalton could have had his name up in lights alongside the likes of Brian McClair, Mark Hughes and Bryan Robson.

Instead the star-struck former labourer, who seemed destined to save Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson £1 million in the transfer market, is currently attempting to rebuild his career with the struggling North-East Fourth Division outfit.

As Ferguson runs the rule over the likes of Dale Gordon, Mark Ward and Danny Wallace in an attempt to replace Gordon Strachan, the man who was being groomed to inherit the midfield wizard's shirt is turning out at the likes of Rochdale, Halifax and Peterborough.

DISAPPEAR

It's the latest twist in a topsy-turvy 15 months that has seen the 22-year-old winger rocket from the depths of non-League football to a place among United's gallery of stars... only to disappear almost as quickly!

"I was playing for Brandon in the North-East and I'd heard one or two teams were watching me, but the only names mentioned were Ipswich and Huddersfield," explains Paul.

"Then, after a game against Tow Law the manager told me a couple of Manchester United scouts had been watching and did I want to go for a trial.

"At first I was unsure and was frightened of being overawed, but everybody at the club persuaded me I should give it a go.

"After a reserve game at Sunderland I was offered a two-year contract — which I jumped at. Just a couple of weeks previously I'd been working on a building site and there I was signing for United."

Paul returned to the



MATCH follows the rise and fall of Paul Dalton from Manchester United to his new life at Hartlepool.

North-East for the summer break, and then headed back to Manchester for his first taste of pre-season training.

"I was determined to give it a real go and everything went really well. I was picked for the tour of Sweden, played in three of the four games and then got on as sub against Hamburg in a friendly at Old Trafford in front of about 25,000."

While Paul was busy making a big impact on the Old Trafford scene it looked that former favourite Gordon Strachan was on his way to Lens.

"If Gordon had left that really would have cleared the way for me, and even though he decided to stay I still felt I had a chance," says Paul.

"And then he got injured just before the League game against Middlesbrough and all the Press were saying I was going to play. That would have been a dream come true — I'm a Middlesbrough lad and played for the town's boys team."

Burt Paul didn't get the call from Alex Ferguson, and that match seemed to signal a change in fortunes for the youngster.

"My girlfriend — now my wife — was pregnant and still living in the North-East. We couldn't afford a place in Manchester so I was just seeing her for one day a week and found it very hard.

NIGHTMARE

"The situation just got worse, my game suffered, and in the end I knew I had to move back home. Alex Ferguson was very helpful but I knew I just had to leave.

"I spent a couple of weeks at Middlesbrough but manager Bruce Rioch wasn't prepared to pay the £30,000 United were asking — they'd only paid £5,000 for me — so I went back to Manchester.

"Then Hartlepool came in for me on loan and I thought that was better than nothing and at least the summer break was just round the corner.

"In the end they offered me the chance to sign permanently and I just had to accept it. I'm still only 22 and have got time on my side to have another go at the big-time.

"But I'd love the chance to go back to Old Trafford in one of the Cup competitions and have another crack at United — just to show them what they missed!"



Gordon Strachan



Paul Dalton



Peter Beardsley



Burt Paul



Paul Dalton



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Cowdenbeath v Stirling Albion
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Queen's Park v Berwick
Stenhousemuir v Kilmarnock
Stranraer v East Stirling
Monday, Sept 18
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
*Fisher v Barnet
Northwich v Chorley
LITTLEWOODS CUP
Second Round, First Leg
Part Vale v Wimbledon
Tuesday, Sept 19
LITTLEWOODS CUP
Second Round, First Leg
Oldham v Leeds
Widder's Millwall
Ipswich v Tranmere (7.45)
Sunderland v Fulham (7.45)
Bohton v Watford
Grimsby v Coventry
Reading v Newcastle (8)
Liverpool v Wigan
Birmingham v West Ham (7.45)

Shrewsbury v Swindon
Arsenal v Plymouth (7.45)
Leyton Orient v Everton (7.45)
Brentford v Man. City
Barnsley v Blackpool
Chelsea v Scarborough
Crystal Palace v Leicester (7.45)
Cambridge v Derby (7.45)
Crewe v Bournemouth
Mansfield v Luton
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
*Enfield v Wycombe
Merthyr v Kettering
Runcorn v Macclesfield
Stafford v Barrow
Setton v Farnborough
Wednesday, Sept 20
LITTLEWOODS CUP
Second Round, First Leg
Exeter v Blackburn
West Brom v Bradford
QPR v Stockport (7.45)
Charlton v Hereford
Aston Villa v Wolves
York v Southampton
Middlesbrough v Halifax
Norwich v Rotherham
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"BLUE PRINT" (Man City)
Editor: Mike Kelly.
Irregular publication;
Circulation: Not disclosed; Price: 50p

RELEGATION into the Second Division was one of the main reasons why Manchester City first got a fanzine on its terraces two years ago.

The other main reason was an apparent indifference to this relegation by many supporters, claims editor Mike Kelly. "When City were relegated very little was said. That to me was wrong," said Blues supporter Mike.

Mike's fanzine has curiously been accepted by the club itself, says Mike, but not by the Official Supporters Club. And even the club tries to take credit for some things organised by the fanzine, claims Mike, referring to a fancy dress at the City's away fixture at Stoke last season!

"The club seem to feel they were responsible for it, but it was the fans," he said.

Introducing new ideas is certainly an important part of the fanzine's ambitions — remember the giant banana that started the inflatable craze? That was first introduced by one of the Blue Print writers, Frank Newton.

But although fun is very much a major aim of the fanzine, the club does not escape the satirical side of the mag, particularly City manager Mel Machin who is depicted as a country farmer working in the big city.

Quality: 7
Humour: 8
Campaigning: 10
Pictures: 5
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Value For Money: 8

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JAWS GETS IT'S TEETH INTO CLUB BUSINESS

"JUST ANOTHER WEDNESDAY" (Sheffield Wednesday)
Editors: Daniel & Martin Gordon.
3 issues per season;
cover price: 50p;
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"JUST Another Wednesday" is not just another fanzine with an axe to grind.

Edited by a father and son team of Martin and Daniel Gordon, JAW prefers to take a sideways look at affairs at the club and steers clear of needless abuse of players and club.

"I didn't want to produce a grumbling fanzine. What you

shout on the terraces in the heat of the moment should not appear in print," says Martin.

JAW is satirical and humorous and, in the main, is light hearted.

However, the serious articles regarding the Hillsborough disaster display a maturity and judgement which was absent from many of the national newspapers at the time.

Like most fanzines it is presented as 'an alternative look'. However, JAW has won the approval of the establishment.

"We have received letters of support from MP Jos Ashton, Sheffield Wednesday chairman Mr McGhee and player Lawrie Madden."

But the most favourable reaction has come from a surprising source — Bramall Lane — with Blades boss Dave Bassett writing to Martin and Daniel after seeing a copy.

"If the manager of Wednesday's great rivals can make the effort to write then we must be on to a good thing!"

Quality: 9
Humour: 9
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FAN-TASTIC

FOOTBALL Fanzines are not unique to Britain. MATCH has received a copy of 'The Goodison Roar' — a Norwegian language fanzine dedicated to Everton.

Unfortunately, no one at MATCH is familiar with Norwegian. However, it looks an impressive publication which is produced by the Everton Supporters Club (Norwegian Branch).

Details from Jan Roger Henriksen (Secretary), Postbox 1631 ABOL, 3201 Sandefjord, Norway



"CONGRATULATIONS on your England Under 21 caps David!"

"Thanks DJ — I'm sure David will be pleased to hear that!" Tony Coton, Watford's goalkeeper bursts out laughing — "Everyone makes a mistake DJ, no-one can tell the Holdsworth twins apart." I was just as confused during

DJ in training at Torquay's Plainmoor Ground to challenge Man Utd chairman Michael Knighton's ball juggling bet.



WHAT A LAUGH

DJ: "I once picked a team for my friends in the jungle and we played the natives".
FAN: "Zulus?"
DJ: "No... we won!!"

Family fun day

the game because David Holdsworth had me thinking 'Bobby Moore' every time he had the ball. Like Moore he stands erect — his finger is forever pointing as he raps out commands, and he is ice cold under pressure.

I asked David's mum Jackie after the match if she could explain why David reminded me so much of Bobby Moore. "David has always been a West Ham supporter", explained David's mum.

"I took the twins to the ground even before they could walk — and Bobby Moore was David's idol. When Moore left to join Fulham, David had divided loyalties — especially

when the two teams met in the cup final.

David and his brother Dean, watched the game on TV in West Ham jerseys — West Ham won and they both took off their shirts and threw them in the air with joy — it was then I noticed that under his West Ham shirt David had been wearing a Number 6 Fulham shirt!"

My moneys on young David Holdsworth doing Moore's job for England — when they play in the 1994 World Cup. The boy is THAT good.

I had a great day at Watford. The family atmosphere was

DJ meets the 'second Bobby Moore' at Watford

fantastic — It reminded me of stadiums back in America.

Elton John has to be congratulated on the showbiz set up — and marketing manager Chris Childs was the perfect host to your DJ bear.

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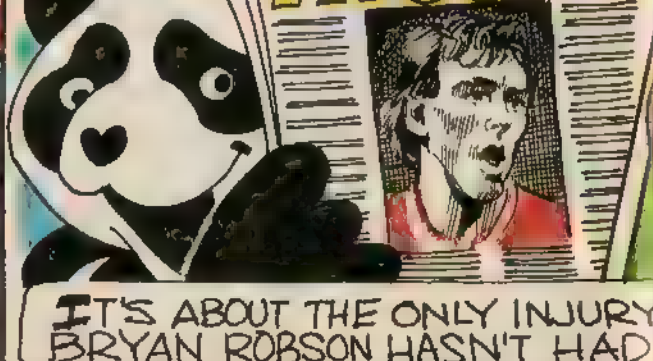
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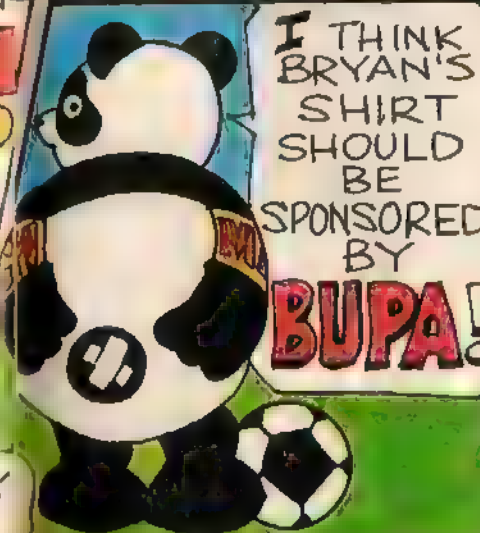
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Meanwhile, Maradona-less Napoli head the table after two games with the league's only 100 per cent record, Alessandro Renica scoring the only goal against Udinese.

And it was Juventus, who recorded the biggest margin of victory with a 4-1 win at Verona, new signing Schillaci logging half of Juve's strikes.

SCORELINE

BULGARIA: Beroe 3, Vratsa 3; Chernomerets 4, Cherno More 1; Dounav 1, Herbar 1; Etar 1, CFKA Sredets 1; Lokomotiv Sofia 1, Lokomotiv Gorna 0; Trakia Plovdiv 0, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0; Sliven 2, Slavia Sofia 0; Vitosa 1, Prini 1.

WEST GERMANY: Bayer Leverkusen 3, Waldhof Mannheim 0; Borussia Dortmund 3, Hamburg 0; Fortuna Dusseldorf 4, VfB Stuttgart 2; Kaiserslautern 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Nuremberg 3, Borussia M 0; St Pauli 1, Cologne 1.

EAST GERMANY: Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Chemi Halle 0; Dynamo Berlin 2, Magdeburg 1; Fortschritt Bischofswerda 1, Wismut Aue 0; Hansa Rostock 3, Energie Cottbus 0; Karl Marx Stadt 1, Dynamo Dresden 1; Lokomotiv Leipzig 2, Rot Weiss Erfurt 1; Stahl Eisenhüttenstadt 3, Stahl Brandenburg 1.

HOLLAND: League: FC Twente 2, Ajax 1; PSV Eindhoven 1, Den Bosch 1; Vitesse 2, Feyenoord 1. Dutch Cup 1st Round: ACV 0, NAC 4; ADO '20 0, Eindhoven 1;

Babberich 1, MVV 2; De Valleivogels 1, Emmen 3; DOS/Kampen 1, FC Utrecht 10; DOVO 1, Go Ahead Eagles 1; Halsteren 3, DS '79 1; Heerjansdam 0, SVV 5; HSC '21 0, Willem II 2; IJsselmeervogels 1, FC Den Haag 5; Kozakken Boys 1, SC Heerenveen 4; Limburgia 1, Helmond Sport 3; Marken 0, De Graafschap 3; Rheden 0, Sparta 6; Rijnsburgse Boys 1, Wageningen 4; SC Genemuiden 2, VVV 4; Spakenburg 2, SC Heracles 0; TOP 3, Excelsior 4; WHC 1, SC Veendam 4.

ITALY: AC Milan 0, Lazio 1; Bologna 2, Internazionale 2; Cremonese 1, Cesena 2; Fiorentina 0, Genoa 0; Lecce 2, Atalanta 1; Napoli 1, Udinese 0; Roma 0, Ascoli 0; Sampdoria 0, Bari 0; Verona 1, Juventus 4.

SPAIN: Athletic Bilbao 1, Real Sociedad 0; Cadiz 0, Longones 1; Malaga 1, Celta 1; Osasuna 1, Majorca 0; Oviedo 1, Castellon 1; Real Madrid 2, Sporting Gijon 0; Real Zaragoza 3, Rayo Vallecano 0; Seville 1, Tenerife 0; Valencia 1, Atletico Madrid

CUP DECIDER

Cameroon, 1982 World Cup qualifiers, and Tunisia, the 1978 World Cup qualifiers, will meet over two legs to decide which nation will travel to Italy for the 1990 Finals.

South America Group 1: Bolivia, 2 Uruguay 1
South America Group 2: Ecuador, 0 Colombia 0
CONCACAF Third Round: Trinidad and Tobago 2, Guatemala 1

SA GROUP 1:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolivia.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Uruguay.....	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Peru.....	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

*Winner qualifies for finals.

SA GROUP 2:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colombia.....	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Paraguay.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Ecuador.....	2	0	1	1	0	2	1

*Winner to meet Israel in two-legged play off.

CONCACAF THIRD ROUND:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica.....	8	5	1	2	11	5	9
Trinidad & Tobago.....	7	3	3	1	7	4	9
United States.....	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Guatemala.....	5	1	0	4	4	7	2
El Salvador.....	4	0	1	3	2	7	2

*Top two qualify for Finals.

THE Brazil v Chile World Cup qualifying decider in Rio ended in chaos after 69 minutes when the visitors left the field and refused to return.

The Brazilians, needing only a point to book their place for Italy, were leading 1-0 at the time and had been the dominant side.

However, a firework was thrown from the Maracana terraces into the Chilean penalty area where it exploded next to goalkeeper Roberto Rojas.

Rojas appeared to be injured and was reported to require several stitches. The Chilean delegation carried off their injured colleague and also left the field refusing to play on.

Brazil claimed victory under

FIFA rules which state that a team that leaves the field and refuses to return concedes the match. Chile, however, argue that the tie should be replayed on neutral territory.

FIFA, the world governing body, await the reports of their match officials and observers before making a decision.

The incident was reminiscent of the Holland v Cyprus European Championship game in November 1987. The Cypriot goalkeeper was injured by a firework in the first minute.

Cyprus left the field and vowed not to return but were convinced to do so. Holland went on to win 8-0.

UEFA originally awarded the points to Cyprus because the Dutch supporters had been the guilty party. However, the decision was amended and a replay ordered — to the disgust of the Greeks.



Ronald Koeman — debutant.

SPANISH HARLEM

THE Spanish League got under way with capital city Madrid boasting three teams in the First Division for the first time.

John Toshack's first competitive match in charge of Real Madrid ended in victory. Two first-half goals by Michel and Sanchez put paid to Bernabeu visitors, Gijon.

Athletico Madrid also won beating Osasuna 3-1 but newcomers Rayo Vallecano

were comprehensively beaten 3-0 at Zaragoza.

Johan Cruyff's Barcelona suffered a surprise 0-2 defeat at Valladolid; despite the Spanish title favourites having £4.6 million worth of new signings in Ronald Koeman and Michael Laudrup on display.

Howard Kendall got off to a good start as Atletico Bilbao beat Toshack's former club, Real Sociedad 1-0.

TURKISH DELIGHT

BESIKTAS, under English coach Gordon Milne, got off to a bright start on the opening day of the Turkish League season with a 3-0 home win over Boluspor.

Champions Fenerbahce surprisingly lost 2-1 at Altay and Galtasaray, managed by Iceland's national boss Siggi Held, were also beaten 1-0 at Samsunspor.

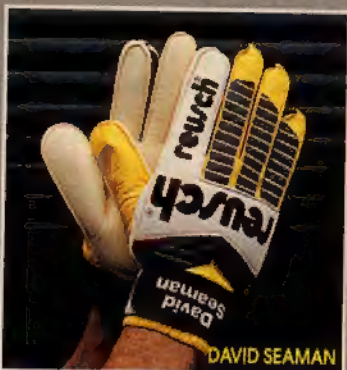
GAME FOR A LAUGH ANSWERS

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Down: 1. Dolan. 2. Rush. 3. Briley. 4. Carnevale. 5. Spurs. 7. Tangerine. 10. Galvin. 11. Paris. 13. Hysen. 14. Fred.



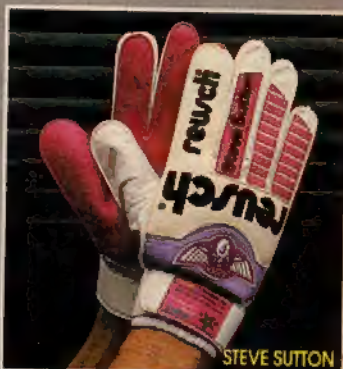
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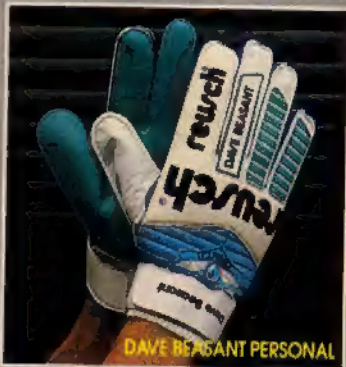
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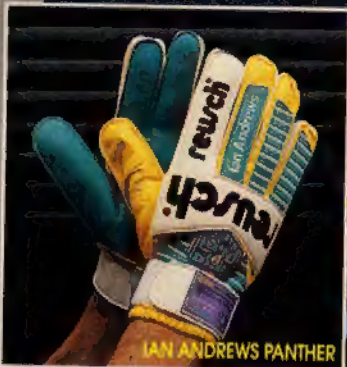
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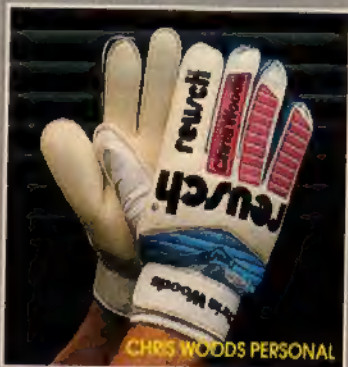
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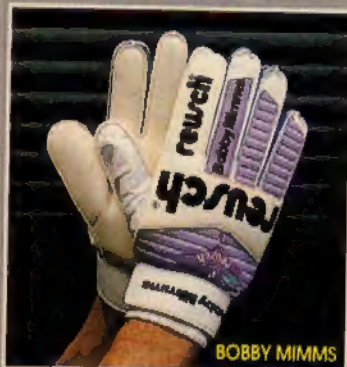
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COVENTRY



BACK ROW (left to right): Keith Thompson, Gary Bannister, Brian Borrows, Trevor Peake, Cyrille Regis, Tony Dobson, Chris Greenman, Peter Billing.
 MIDDLE ROW: Mick Kearns (chief scout), Neil Sillett (assistant physio — now Portsmouth), Kevin MacDonald, Steve Livingstone, Steve Ogrizovic, Brian Kilcline, Dean Kiely, Howard Clark, Dean Emerson, John Peacock (football liason officer), Terry Paine (youth team coach).
 FRONT ROW: David Smith, Greg Downs, David Speedie, Mick Coop (reserve team coach), John Sillett (team manager), George Dalton (physio), Micky Gynn, Lloyd McGrath, Dougie McGuire.
 Inset: Keith Waugh.



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY



BACK ROW (left to right): Carlton Palmer, Chris Turner, Dalian Atkinson, Kevin Pressman, Peter Shirtliff.
MIDDLE ROW: Ritchie Barker (assistant manager), Lawrie Madden, Craig Shakespeare, Steve Whitton, Greg Fee, Nigel Worthington, David Hirst, Alan Smith (physio). **FRONT ROW:** Alan Harper, Darren Wood, Mark Taylor, Ron Atkinson (manager), Nigel Pearson, Dave Bennett, Dean Barrick.

